



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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YEAR IN REVIEW

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NOVEMBER

The annual NSWRL Community Conference is held at Sydney Olympic Park with 125 NSWRL and club officials in attendance. The topics addressed include retention and the new Infrastructure Strategy, with Westpac NSW Blues High Performance Manager Frank Ponissi, sharing insights from the 2024 Ampol State of Origin series campaign.

Global sportswear giant adidas signs on as the official apparel and sportswear partner for the NSWRL for the next five years. The deal will see the iconic adidas brand feature on the playing and training kits for the NSW men's and women's Origin teams until 2029.



DECEMBER

NSWRL announces True Blue Laurie Daley as coach of the Westpac NSW Blues and NRLW premiership-winning coach John Strange as coach of the Westpac NSW Blues Women's Origin team.

The annual Talented Aboriginal Athlete Program (TAAP) camp is held over three days at the NSWRL Centre of Excellence. The program brings together 40 First Nations teenagers from across NSW to participate in a training program followed by a match.

NSWRL releases its draws for Major Competitions and Junior Representatives Competitions for the 2025 season with a Regional NSWRL Magic Round planned for Scully Park, Tamworth, which features five matches for The Knock-On Effect NSW Cup.



JANUARY

A NSW Koori Under 16s team undertakes a week-long tour of New Zealand, winning their opening game against the Māori Under 16s before going down to an Auckland Development Under 16s.

NSWRL enters into a strategic alliance with BarTV Sports, a media and production company specialising in high quality live streaming sporting events statewide, to provide fans with access to more than 1000 games in 2025.

True Blue Royce Simmons, Graeme Wynn and Michael Buettner are among seven members of the NSWRL Community to receive Australia Day Honours.



FEBRUARY

The NSWRL Junior Representatives season kicks off with True Blues Boyd Cordner, Andrew Fifita and Vanessa Foliaki giving back to the game by taking on coaching positions.

True Blues Andrew Ryan and Kylie Hilder visit Young and Temora to launch the 2025 Regional Roadshow campaign, which has already spread road safety messages to more than 7000 teenagers at 50 regional areas around the state since 2017.

Former referee Greg McCallum and former NSWRL Judiciary Chairman, the late Bob Abood, are awarded NSWRL Life Membership at the Annual General Meeting.



MARCH

NSWRL officially launches its season at the NSWRL Centre of Excellence with more than 120 guests in attendance and a new sponsor unveiled in leading global automobile manufacturer Hyundai.

NSWRL's mental fitness and wellbeing Changing Rooms program, hosted by True Blue and three-time premiership-winner Paul Langmack, launches its biggest year with 27 clubs and 6,500 people taking part.

NSWRL hosts its Regional Representatives Grand Final Day at GIO Stadium in Canberra with the premiers crowned for the regional Westpac Lisa Fiaola Cup (North Coast Bulldogs), SLE Andrew Johns Cup (Newcastle Maitland Region Knights), SLE Laurie Daley Cup (Illawarra South Coast Dragons), Men's Country Championships (Newcastle Rebels) and Women's Country Championships (Western Rams).

True Blue Timana Tahu, and former NRL players Dean Widders, Tyrone Roberts and Willie Tonga kick off a 'Deadly Blues' tour around regional NSW to help educate First Nations people about the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle.



APRIL

NSWRL launches its Community Rugby League season for 2025, with early figures suggesting a participation record will be set for the third consecutive season.

The newly-designed adidas jerseys for the Westpac NSW Blues men's and women's teams are unveiled at a launch in Sydney attended by True Blues Angus Crichton and Sarah Togatuki.

NSWRL cements its reputation as an inclusive sport after being awarded Gold Tier Status at the annual Pride in Sport Awards in Melbourne.





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MAY

The Junior Representatives Grand Finals are held at Leichhardt Oval with the premierships decided for the UNE SG Ball Cup (Sydney Roosters), Westpac Tarsha Gale Cup (Parramatta Eels), UNE Harold Matthews Cup (Warriors) and the metropolitan Westpac Lisa Fiaola Cup (Parramatta Eels).

The annual Country v City representative weekend features seven games across two days at two different venues, Jubilee Stadium and the Camellia Indoor Sports Centre, with City taking honours 6-1.

NSWRL welcomes the return of leading Australian insurance company GIO as a major partner from the Westpac NSW Blues men's and women's State of Origin teams through to grassroots Rugby League.

NSWRL embarks on a week-long program of community events to kick-off Regional Magic Round in Tamworth, which culminates with 11 games of the state's premier competition, The Knock-On Effect NSW Cup, and the regional Group 4 competition.

The Westpac NSW Blues Women reclaim the State of Origin Shield under new coach John Strange with a 2-1 series win over Queensland.

True Blues Ben Elias, Andrew Ettingshausen and Paul Gallen are inducted into the NSWRL The Star Hall of Fame in front of almost 450 guests at The Star Event Centre in Pyrmont.

JUNE

The St George-based Arncliffe Scots Junior Rugby League (JRL) Football Club claim the 2025 Danielle Kifooti #RESPECT Award for their submission to support the campaign 'Positive Words Have Power' as well as their participation on social media to promote #RESPECT Round.

The NSWRL continues its proud tradition of celebrating First Nations Round in 2025 with match officials again donning a specially designed, First Nations-themed jersey to be worn as part of NAIDOC week celebrations.

The Westpac NSW Under 19s Women's team reclaim the Under 19s State of Origin Shield with a 26-10 over Queensland, while the CAFE NSW Under 19s Men's team lose narrowly 23-22 to surrender the Shield for the first time in three years with both matches played on the Sunshine Coast.

JULY

The Westpac NSW Blues are unable to capitalise on an early 1-0 lead in the State of Origin series, losing the final two matches to relinquish the Shield to Queensland.

NSWRL celebrates its fourth annual Licensed Clubs Round with a Magic Round involving four games from the Leagues Clubs Australia Ron Massey Cup to acknowledge the \$85 million contribution clubs made to the game last season.

The 2025 NSWRL Community Award winners are announced with 20 awards across several categories to acknowledge the vital contribution made to the game every season by more than 34,000 volunteers across the state.

AUGUST

NSWRL enjoys a record-breaking season for participation with the total number of participants across the state rising by almost five per cent to 122,430, while female participation (33,306) now accounts for 27 per cent of all players.

NSWRL announces its Licensed Suppliers for the next three seasons (2026-28) to ensure clubs receive competitive and standardised pricing as well as minimum quality standards in garments.

SEPTEMBER

The Grand Finals for the Leagues Clubs Australia Ron Massey Cup and Sydney Shield are held at Leichhardt Oval. St Marys Saints secure their second premiership in three years while Manly Leagues claim their first title after an epic decider that goes to extra time and golden point.

The Warriors (The Knock-On Effect NSW Cup) and Melbourne Storm (Jersey Flegg Cup) become the first clubs outside NSW to win premierships while Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (Harvey Norman NSW Women's Premiership) claim their first title at an historic NSWRL Grand Final Day at CommBank Stadium.

2025 NSWRL Female Community Coach of the Year Carrie Jackson, is one of 19 participants to take part in the annual NSWRL Women in Sport Leadership (WISL) program at Sydney Olympic Park. The program involves four two-day workshops and runs until December.

OCTOBER

A pilot program for the NSWRL's Changing Rooms, spearheaded by True Blue Paul Langmack, kicks off at the NSWRL Centre of Excellence to help at risk youths with mental and physical fitness, goal setting and improving motivation and resilience.

The annual Harmony 9s tournament is held on the Central Coast across two days with 90 teams and more than 1300 players from 20 heritage clubs taking part in the cultural and Rugby League celebration.

NSWRL announces the tendering process has opened for the NSWRL Infrastructure Investment Fund, which provides up to \$2 million in financial assistance for community clubs across the state looking to improve and upgrade their facilities and infrastructure.





Westpac NSW Blues Women
RECLAIM
the Women's State of Origin Shield



More than
11 MILLION
viewers tune in to watch the
Men's State of Origin series



More than
12,000
subscribers sign up to
NSWRL TV on BarTV



THE WARRIORS
become the first team outside
NSW to win the NSW Cup





More than
122,000
participants registered to play across all
NSWRL competitions



12 community projects receive almost
\$1.4 MILLION
from the NSWRL Infrastructure
Investment Fund



Female participation passes
30,000
for the first time in history

**pridein
sport**

The NSWRL is awarded
GOLD STATUS
at the Pride in Sport Awards



NSWRL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT FUND

2025



INVESTMENT IN
COMMUNITY
RUGBY LEAGUE

\$1,387,180



43
Applications
Received



12
Projects
Funded

WHAT'S BEING DELIVERED

4



Lighting
upgrades

3



Amenity
buildings

4



Playing Field
Improvements

1



Storage

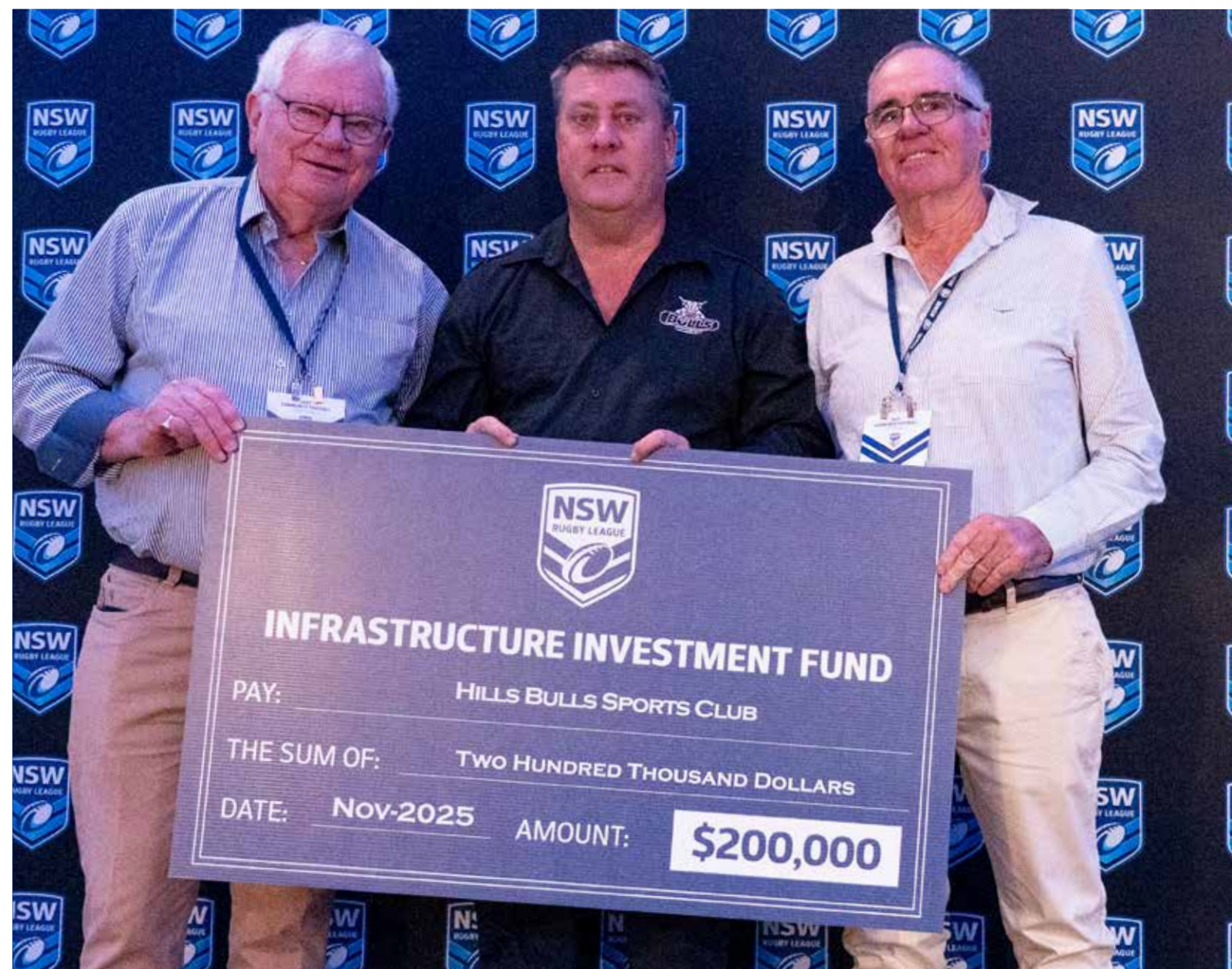


**TOTAL
COMMUNITY
PROJECT VALUE
\$8.6 million**

PROJECT
LOCATIONS

**METRO
4**

**REGIONAL
8**





NSWRL MAJOR AWARDS

Brad Fittler Medal
Brian To'o

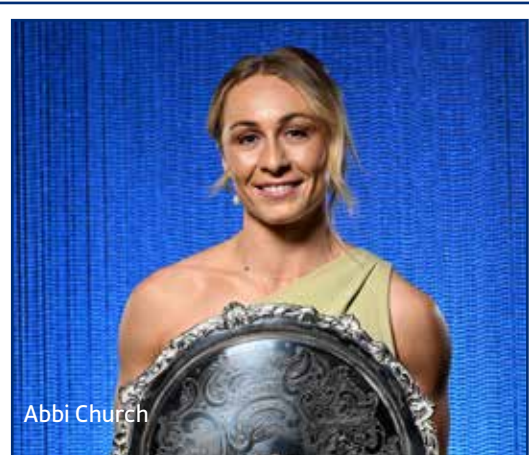
True Blue Award
Payne Haas

NSW Women's Origin
Player of the Year
Olivia Kernick

NSW Women's Origin Award
Abbi Church

The Knock-On Effect NSW Cup
Player of the Year
Kalani Going

Harvey Norman NSW Women's
Premiership Player of the Year
Monique Donovan



Olivia Kernick and Brian To'o



Credit: Justin Lloyd (Newspix)

It was an honour to be appointed the first-ever female Chair of the NSWRL this season. Having been a director at the organisation since 2023, I have gained valuable insights into both the game and the business of Rugby League. I have been impressed with the success the NSWRL has enjoyed both on and off the field which has continued this season with record participation numbers, a record number of teams (177) competing for the second successive season in NSWRL Junior Representatives Competitions and NSWRL Major Competitions, and victory for our Women's and Women's pathways teams in the State of Origin arena. NSWRL has also secured certainty around our funding from the Australian Rugby League Commission (ARLC) and we look forward to a prosperous relationship to ensure Rugby League continues to grow in NSW.

State of Origin

There was plenty of optimism heading into the 2025 Ampol State of Origin series but unfortunately the result did not fall our way. True Blue Laurie Daley, one of the select few who have captained and coached NSW to an Origin series win, returned as coach for this year's series and was surrounded by a strong staff that included NRL premiership-winning coach Craig Bellamy, and True Blues Matt King, Brett White and Dean Young. Blues Team Performance Manager Frank Ponissi continues to be a great asset for our organisation. The Westpac NSW Blues had shown great spirit and determination to win the series in 2024, after becoming the first team since 2005 to come from a game down to claim the Shield. Laurie Daley reminded the players before Game One that only one NSW team had won back-to-back games in Brisbane (1997-98) since the Origin concept started in 1980 and they responded accordingly with a hard-fought 18-6 victory. The team was confident heading into Game Two in Perth as we had a strong record at Optus Stadium but we encountered a challenging first half penalty count and wet conditions which helped Queensland build a lead. To their credit the players didn't give up and nearly pulled off one of the greatest Origin comebacks in history, after trailing 26-6 at half-time only to fall short 26-24 to send the series to a decider. Our team was confident heading into Game Three after their whirlwind finish in Perth, but it just wasn't our night. Queensland got off to a strong start and although we rallied, we were unable to claw our way back. We lost the match 24-12, with the Shield going to Queensland. Origin losses are felt hard throughout the state, and certainly within the NSWRL, but I am confident in our staff and players and I look forward to fighting back in 2026.

While it was a tough result for the Westpac NSW Blues, it was pleasing to see the Westpac NSW Blues Women reclaim the Women's Origin Shield with a 2-1 win. We appointed John Strange as coach who had an impressive record after steering the Sydney Roosters to NRLW premierships in 2021 and 2024. True Blue Ruan Sims and Alicia-Kate Hawke were appointed as John's assistants, who both had coaching experience in the Harvey Norman NSW Women Premiership, as well as being involved in representative teams for NSWRL Country-City matches. They are both assistant coaches at NRLW clubs. John was meticulous in his preparation after putting a training squad through their paces for six weeks at the NSWRL Centre of Excellence before selecting his squad for Game One in Brisbane. The Blues Women held a narrow 14-12 lead at half-time before powering away to an impressive 32-12 win in the second half. They backed that performance up in atrocious conditions in Sydney with another clinical

performance to secure a 26-6 victory and reclaim the Shield. With the three-game concept only two years old in Women's Origin, we had an opportunity to become the first team in history to claim a 3-0 clean sweep but we came up against a determined Queensland outfit that scored a late try for an 18-14 win. The Blues won the series 2-1 but the final game was a great reminder of just how hard it is to win an Origin match as both states value it so highly.

Our pathways Origin teams headed to the Sunshine Coast but had mixed results. The Westpac NSW Under 19s Women suggested the future is in good hands after claiming back-to-back titles with a 26-10 win while the CAFE NSW Under 19s Men also looked strong before being pipped 23-22 with Queensland scoring a try in the final minutes to secure the win.

Partners

Our major partner, Westpac, continues to invest in our sport and are genuinely passionate about what we do. They joined forces with us and the NSW Government this season to provide \$120,000 in joint funding for flood-affected communities in mid-north NSW, as well as showing a genuine passion in supporting female Rugby League. It remains the fastest growth area of the sport after surpassing 30,000 participants in 2025 and Westpac's involvement extends from our female pathways and representative competitions right through to the Westpac NSW Blues Women. We also welcomed adidas and Hyundai to the NSWRL family over the past year while GIO renewed their association with us. These partners are leaders in their respective markets and their association with NSWRL reflects the strength of the brand.

NSWRL on BarTV

The move to enter into a partnership with BarTV Sports to showcase NSWRL competitions across the state to our fans was hugely successful. At the start of 2025, we only had plans to live stream more than 900 matches, but that number had swelled to 1,072 by the end of the season following public interest. There was a wide range of events covered from grassroots to elite competitions, including community events like Harmony 9s to the state's premier competition The Knock-On Effect NSW Cup. NSWRL TV on BarTV attracted more than 12,000 subscribers in its inaugural year which is a tremendous start. We are confident that success will continue in 2026.

Women in Sport Leadership

As a long-serving sports administrator with experience as a Chief Executive and Director in netball, hockey, basketball and volleyball, I am extremely pleased to see the work being done with the NSWRL's Women in Sport Leadership program. This program, which supports the advancement of women in leadership roles across the sporting sector, has had a 95 per cent completion rate and 63 graduates since it first started in 2021. The original pilot program focussed on Rugby League but has since expanded to accommodate other sports including gymnastics, diving, football, surf lifesaving, water polo, volleyball, athletics and hockey.

Vales

Rugby League has always been and always will be full of great people, whether they are players, coaches or administrators, so it is difficult when we farewell them. This season we said goodbye to some legends of our game including John Dougherty, a talented five-eighth who played in three straight premiership-winning teams for the South Sydney Rabbitohs, and Bruce Olive, a Wollongong-born prop who was considered one of the best front-rowsers of his generation and a pioneer and inspiration for First Nations players.

Thank You

Finally, I congratulate NSWRL Chief Executive David Trodden and his staff for their hard-working efforts this season. The game across our state is thriving. There is always work to be done and I am certain that our legacy will continue in 2026 as the NSWRL looks to build on the success of this season.



Rugby League in NSW is booming. For the third consecutive season, NSWRL has broken a record for participation. We surpassed the 120,000 mark for the first time in 2025, with 122,430 participants signing up to play our great game. This was a 4.1 per cent increase on the number of participants who played in 2024. It is a testament to the work being done by everyone in our game, notably our NSWRL staff and volunteers in the community Rugby League space in recent seasons, as well as the NRL, with the focus being on recruitment and retention. There are now more competitions being offered across NSW across all age groups, including for female Rugby League players who account for 27 per cent of all participants. I also commend the licensed clubs across the state who have contributed to this positive outcome for the game by offering subsidies which assist families to juggle the rising cost of living with the chance to play community Rugby League.

Infrastructure Strategy

The surge in participation triggered the creation of the NSWRL Infrastructure Investment Fund in 2024, which is designed to improve grounds and facilities at community Rugby League venues to cater for the sustained growth and ensure a better experience for all participants. I am pleased to report NSWRL delivered on the first stage of the fund in 2025 with a total of 12 projects valued at \$8.6 million from clubs and councils who have received almost \$1.4 million in financial support from NSWRL. The response to the initial tender process was overwhelming. The NSWRL received 43 applications for a total of \$5.2 million in funding. A key component of the selection process was the capacity for co-contributions with the final approvals determined by our Board. The 12 projects that were selected totalled \$1,387,180 in funding and will assist with areas including new playing fields, new or upgraded amenity buildings, lighting, drainage, returfing, storage and irrigation, with the funding amounts ranging from \$20,000 to \$200,000. The NSWRL Infrastructure Investment Fund reflects the organisation's commitment to grassroots football, and we look forward to assisting again when requests are submitted for the second stage of funding in 2026.

Grand Finals

The Grand Finals across our NSWRL Junior Representatives and NSWRL Major Competitions provided plenty of memorable moments in 2025. The NSWRL Grand Final Day in September was historic with the New Zealand-based Warriors becoming the first team outside NSW to win The Knock-On Effect NSW Cup. This followed Melbourne Storm who also created history after becoming the first team outside NSW to win the Jersey Flegg Cup (Under 21s). The significance of these wins should not be lost. They are evidence of the enormous appeal of Rugby League and proof that it will remain successful into the future, with new opportunities interstate and overseas also producing plenty of talented players to go alongside our traditional heartland regions in NSW.

The Junior Representatives Grand Finals also produced plenty of highlights. The Sydney Roosters fought back in the UNE SG Ball Cup (Under 19s) Grand Final against a gallant Parramatta Eels to conjure a come-from-behind win in extra time. The team was coached by True Blue Boyd Cordner, who gave everything as a player including captaining NSW to Origin series wins in 2018-19, and it was heartening to see him giving back to the game. It was a similar story in the female pathways competitions with True Blue Jayme Fressard stepping up as coach for the Central Coast Roosters in the Westpac Lisa Fiaola Cup (Under 17s), while team-mate Keeley Davis took charge of the Sydney Roosters Indigenous Academy in the Westpac Tarsha Gale Cup (Under 19s). Although they were unsuccessful in their deciders, both against Parramatta Eels, the players showed great dedication to return from winning Game One of the Women's State of Origin series in Brisbane to lead their teams at Leichhardt Oval in Sydney.

Tamworth Magic Round

Since NSWRL was founded more than a century ago, regional NSW has always played an important role in providing Rugby League players. We acknowledged that valuable contribution by hosting an inaugural Regional Magic Round at Scully Park in Tamworth. We have held Magic Rounds previously in iconic venues including Henson Park and North Sydney Oval but this was the first time it was taken to regional NSW. The week-long event included community visits for NSWRL's Changing Rooms program and Transport for NSW's Regional Roadshow followed by a Sportsman's Lunch attended by Westpac NSW Blues coach Laurie Daley, True Blues Tim Brasher, David Brooks, Ben Elias, Robbie Farah, Paul Langmack and Paul Sironen, and Warriors Chief Executive Cameron George. The focus then shifted to three days of Rugby League action featuring five matches from The Knock-On Effect NSW Cup, and six games from the local Group 4 competition. The atmosphere was wonderful and the event was well supported by the local and neighbouring communities. NSWRL will look forward to returning to Tamworth again for another Regional Magic Round in 2026.

Community

Our game has a capacity to deliver important messages to the community. These can be wide-ranging, including messages about mental and physical fitness, inclusion, and respect for officials and the opposition, but they are all important and we achieved success with them off the field in 2025. We pride ourselves on being an inclusive sport and it was an honour to achieve Gold Tier Status at the Pride in Sport Awards in Melbourne. This was the second time in as many years that we have received national recognition for being inclusive after achieving Bronze Tier Status in 2024. The award acknowledges our vision of Rugby League being "The Game for All." True Blue Paul Langmack continues to make inroads with the NSWRL's Changing Rooms program after enjoying his biggest season to date by delivering key messages about mental fitness to 6,500 teenagers. Paul has now managed to assist 17,500 teens since the program first started in 2019. The numbers are just as impressive for the Regional Roadshow program, which was delivered by True Blues Tim Brasher, Kylie Hilder, Brett Kimmorley and Andrew Ryan in 2025. The program educates teenagers about the importance of road safety and was delivered to more than 1700 participants at 15 areas across NSW in 2025. Just as important is the fact it has been delivered to more than 9000 teenagers at 67 regional areas since starting in 2017. The NSWRL has also had its Reconciliation Action Plan approved by Reconciliation Australia. This will provide an important framework for working with the First Nations Community, who have played a pivotal role in the history of Rugby League.

Partners

The ongoing support and contribution that NSWRL receives from our partners, who are also acknowledged elsewhere in this report, plays a major role in the success we enjoy as an organisation through grassroots football to elite competitions. I thank our State of Origin naming rights partner Westpac for their ongoing commitment to invest in our game, as well as The Star, Lion, McDonald's, adidas, Transport for NSW, Jim Beam, GIO, Athelite, BSc, Steeden, University of New England, SLE, Accor Hotels, Compass Corp, I Want 2 Work, My Sports Tape, Leagues Club Australia and Murrays Coaches.

Thank You

Finally, I thank NSWRL Chair Carolyn Campbell and the Board for their support in 2025, as well as NSWRL staff for helping to make this season another success. NSWRL is founded on a genuine passion to ensure the great game of Rugby League will always prosper and I know that dedication will continue again in 2026.

**JOE KELLY**

Director: Since February 2023
CEO: Sydney Roosters

TARSHA GALE

Director: Since February 2025

BOB WALSH

Director: Since October 2019
Life Member: NSW Rugby League

JOHN ANDERSON OAM

Deputy Chair: Since February 2022
Director: Since October 2019
Life Member: South Newcastle;
Newcastle Rugby League;
NSW Rugby League

CAROLYN CAMPBELL

Chair: Since February 2025
Director: Since February 2023
Chair: Hockey One
Director: Volleyball Australia;
Bankstown Sports Club

TERRY BRADY

Director: Since October 2019
Chair: Bidgee Region
Life Member: NSW Rugby
League

HON. KEVIN GREENE AM

Director: Since June 2022
Chair: NSW Referees Association
Director: Cricket NSW; Racing NSW;
Club Central Hurstville

The NSWRL announced at the start of the season it was partnering with BarTV Sports, a media and production company specialising in high quality live streaming sporting events statewide, to provide fans with access to 1,072 games in 2025. The investment marked a significant strategic move to provide the NSWRL's 122,000 plus members and supporters with the most extensive and high-quality coverage and affordable access to Rugby League matches from grassroots through to NSWRL Junior Representatives Competitions and NSWRL Major Competitions.

The NSWRL Junior Representatives competitions covered include SLE Andrew Johns Cup (Under 16s Boys), Westpac Lisa Fiaola Cup (Under 17s Girls), UNE Harold Matthews Cup (Under 17s Boys), SLE Laurie Daley Cup (Under 18s Boys), Westpac Tarsha Gale Cup (Under 19s Women) and UNE SG Ball Cup (Under 19s Men). The NSWRL Major Competitions covered include The Knock-On Effect NSW Cup, Harvey Norman NSW Women's Premiership, Jersey Flegg Cup (Under 21s Men), Leagues Clubs Australia Ron Massey Cup, Sydney Shield, Men's Country Championships, Women's Country Championships, Denton Engineering Cup (Newcastle), and the Harrigan Cup (Illawarra). Community football events were also covered including the Harmony 9s tournament, a Blues Tag Representative Gala Day and the Outback Rugby League Challenge, as were the representative Country v City matches.

NSWRL TV on BarTV attracted 12,125 subscribers with 1,081,554 stream plays and 365,955 cumulative viewers throughout the 2025 season. The most-watched games included The Knock-On Effect NSW Cup Grand Final between the Warriors and St George Illawarra Dragons (22,382), the UNE Harold Matthews Cup Grand Final between the Warriors and Newcastle Knights (6,555) and the Jersey Flegg Cup Grand Final between Melbourne Storm and Penrith Panthers (6,014), and the Country v City Under 18s representative game (3,532).

The State of Origin series continued to resonate with fans with the opening game for 2025 attracting a National Total TV Reach of 5.449 million and a Total TV Audience of 3.755 million.

The opening game of the series in Brisbane was the best Game One result since 2016 and the highest broadcast TV result since Game Three of the 2019 series. The second game of the series in Perth had a National Total TV Reach of 5.467 million and a Total TV Audience of 3.751 million. It was the highest-rating Game Two since 2015 and the highest-ever Total TV Audience for a State of Origin game in Perth. The final and deciding game of the series in Sydney had a National Total TV Reach of 5.657

million and a Total TV Audience of 3.904 million. It was the highest-rating Game Three since 2013 and the highest-rating of any game since 2016.

The Women's State of Origin series continued its upwards trajectory with the opening game of the series before the NRL's Magic Round in Brisbane dominating its timeslot as the No. 1 program of the night with a National Total TV Reach of 2.009 million and a Total TV National Audience of 927,000. Game Two in Sydney, where the Westpac NSW Blues Women defeated Queensland to secure the Shield, secured a National Total TV Reach of 2.131 million and a Total TV National Audience of 1.067 million. The final game in Newcastle with the series already decided still recorded strong figures with a National Total TV Reach of 1.965 million and a Total TV National Audience of 995,000.

The CAFE NSW Under 19s Men's Origin registered a National Total TV Reach of 1.275 million and a Total TV National Audience of 431,000 while the Westpac NSW Under 19s Women's Origin attracted 42,000 viewers with both matches played on the Sunshine Coast.

Fox League on FOX SPORTS and its subsidiary Kayo Sports televised nine matches from The Knock-On Effect NSW Cup in 2025. The average number of viewers on Fox League was 38,150 while the most-watched game was the Round One clash between St George Illawarra Dragons and Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (58,704). The average number of viewers who tuned in to watch games on Kayo Sports was 28,886 while the most-watched game was the Round 15 match between Newcastle Knights and Sydney Roosters (63,898).

NSWRL enjoyed another strong season in the digital media space with the number of followers increasing by 6 per cent on NSWRL social media channels from 2,149,246 to 2,271,778. Notable highlights included the NSW Blues Instagram page surpassing 500,000 followers for the first time while the NSW Blues Women's pages went past 30,000 cross-channel followers. The best-performing posts included the Game One result tile on the NSW Blues Instagram (6,685,635 impressions and 153,307 engagements), a team photo of the NSW Under 19s and NSW Under 19s Women on the NSWRL Instagram page (694,106 impressions and 31,156 engagements), a 2025 Champions tile on the NSW Blues Women's Instagram page (532,447 impressions and 28,538 engagements), a Round 12 results tile from The Knock-On Effect NSW Cup Facebook page (503,684 impressions and 8,340 engagements) and the Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks premiership winners photo on the Harvey Norman NSW Women's Premiership Instagram page (136,454 impressions and 5,797 engagements).



Westpac NSW Blues
Impressions: 6,685,635
Engagements: 153,307

NSWRL
Impressions: 694,106
Engagements: 31,156

Westpac NSW Blues Women
Impressions: 532,447
Engagements: 28,538

The Knock-On Effect NSW Cup
Impressions: 503,684
Engagements: 8,340

NSWRL remains a powerful brand that resonates with partners across the Australian sporting landscape, with new partners coming on board for 2025 while others reconnected with the NSWRL family.

The season started with a Commercial Partners Conference in Fiji, which provided an opportunity for our partners to network as well as hear from industry leaders on a wide range of topics. It was attended by representatives from adidas, The Star, Tooheys, Jim Beam, Steeden, Hyundai, Body Science, Compass and Sportsbet and included a cultural immersion experience and a Jersey Flegg Cup (Under 21s) game where the Kaiviti Silktales enjoyed their first-ever victory in the competition after beating St George Illawarra Dragons.

NSWRL's major partner Westpac increased their involvement after taking on the naming rights for Blatchys Blues, the dedicated fan base for the NSW Men's and Women's State of Origin teams. The red 'W' was emblazoned on the Blatchys Blues wigs and t-shirts, while this year also saw the addition of Battle Braids to accommodate female fans. Westpac also hosted a junior Rugby League clinic for 200 children from flood-affected areas on NSW's mid-north coast at the NSWRL Centre of Excellence in Sydney Olympic Park.

Global sportswear giant adidas joined the NSWRL family in November 2024 on a five-year deal as the official apparel and footwear partner for both the men's and women's NSW Origin teams. adidas is the leading sportswear manufacturer in Europe and the Blues joined other sporting powerhouses in their stable including Real Madrid, Manchester United and Arsenal, as well as sporting superstars Lionel Messi, Patrick Mahomes and James Harden. True Blues Angus Crichton and Sarah Togatuki unveiled the jerseys in mid-April at a launch in Sydney's CBD.

NSWRL welcomed the return of leading Australian insurance company GIO as a major partner from the Westpac NSW Blues men's and women's State of Origin teams through to grassroots Rugby League. GIO, signed a multi-year agreement and featured on the Women's coaches' polos and at-match in the coach's box, player benches and dressing rooms across Origin games. They were also involved in an activation to announce the partnership on Channel Nine's The Today Show with Westpac NSW Blues Women's coach John Strange and True Blues Olivia Kernick and Emma Verran involved in live crosses as junior Rugby League players participated in drills in the background of the NSWRL Centre of Excellence.

GIO also held the naming rights to GIO Team Picker, an interactive fan engagement tool that allowed fans to select their preferred team line-up for the Blues throughout the Origin series. At a community level, GIO featured on junior dummy-half and first-receiver bibs to support NSWRL's inclusive policies of ensuring all players are involved in games and get to touch the ball.

NSWRL announced a partnership with Hyundai in March with the leading global automobile manufacturer supporting the game from the grassroots to the elite level, including State of Origin.

The three-year partnership was officially announced with True Blue Steve Menzies at the NSWRL season launch. Menzies, who won two premierships with Manly Warringah Sea Eagles and played 20 games for his state from 1995-2006, was named as a brand ambassador while the Westpac NSW Blues also took part in activations during the State of Origin series.

The partnership featured Hyundai on the shorts of the Westpac NSW Blues and Westpac NSW Blues Women, while 15,000 branded footballs were used by community Rugby League clubs and some NSWRL Major Competitions, including the Harvey Norman NSW Women's Premiership and Jersey Flegg Cup.

McDonald's continued with their 'Maccas Mic' campaign during the State of Origin camps for both the men's and women's teams, with players interviewing their teammates. True Blue Connor Watson threw his support behind the annual McHappy Day, which supports families with sick children by fundraising through various methods, including purchasing special merchandise, donating, or buying a Big Mac on the day, by serving at Kincumber McDonald's.

Away from the Origin arena, the 2025 NSWRL Regional Roadshow, run in conjunction with Transport for NSW, completed another successful season after delivering road safety messages to more than 1700 participants at 15 areas across NSW. The 2025 campaign was divided into four stages, starting in February and ending in November, covered 3650km around regional NSW and was delivered by True Blues Tim Brasher, Kylie Hilder, Brett Kimmorley and Andrew Ryan at 15 high schools and seven Junior Rugby League clinics.



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REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL



The Westpac NSW Blues welcomed Laurie Daley as coach in 2025, a True Blue legend in State of Origin history who holds the distinction of being the first captain to win three consecutive series (1992-94). He also coached the Blues to a famous series win in 2014 to snap an eight-year winning streak for Queensland. Daley was supported by Melbourne premiership-winning coach Craig Bellamy and assistants and True Blues Brett White, Matt King and Dean Young. The Blues started their Origin defence with a pre-season camp at Brighton, where the squad was introduced to Daley for the first time and the campaign began for the 2025 series.

Daley selected only one debutant – Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs prop Max King – in his 20-man squad for the opening game of the series at Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane, with Campbell Graham (South Sydney Rabbitohs), Stefano Utoikamanu (Melbourne Storm) and Haumole Olakau'atu (Manly Warringah Sea Eagles) being added as emergencies. Nathan Cleary (Penrith Panthers) was selected at halfback with Mitch Moses (Parramatta Eels) named at five-eighth.

The squad divided their time between the NSWRL Centre of Excellence at Sydney Olympic Park and the Fairmont Blue Mountains Resort in Leura to prepare for Game One at Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane. They started camp at the NSWRL Centre of Excellence where they fulfilled their media obligations before attending the annual True Blue dinner at The Star Event Centre. The team caught up with True Blue players at a pre-event function before attending the dinner where True Blues Ben Elias, Andrew Ettingshausen and Paul Gallen were inducted into the NSWRL Hall of Fame.

The squad then relocated to the Fairmont Resort at Leura in the Blue Mountains which had proven to be a successful formula in 2024. They trained at Blue Mountains Grammar School at Wentworth Falls which had a purpose-built field while the Fairmont Resort included a gym. Cody Ramsey and Hamish Stewart (St George Illawarra Dragons), Adam Doueihi (Wests Tigers) and Jacob Preston (Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs) were called in to train with the players during the Blue Mountains camp. The squad then travelled to Brisbane to complete their preparation, which included a Captain's Run at Suncorp Stadium.

The Blues were looking to become the first NSW team in 27 years to win back-to-back matches at Suncorp Stadium and the early exchanges were torrid. The Blues took an early 2-0 lead through the boot of Cleary after Queensland were penalised for a strip on NSW prop Mitch Barnett. NSW extended the lead to

6-0 after capitalising on a break by Mitch Moses that led to a try in the corner for winger Zac Lomax. A Queensland dropped ball paved the way for the Blues to go further in front and they duly obliged when centre Latrell Mitchell showed quick hands for winger Brian To'o to score out wide. Another penalty against the Maroons for lying in the ruck proved costly when Cleary and fullback Dylan Edwards combined to send Lomax over for his second try. Cleary was having an off night with the boot but the Blues held a comfortable 14-0 lead. The Maroons went into the half-time break with hope after To'o was sin binned for a professional foul and centre Valentine Holmes landed the goal to reduce the margin to 14-2.

A loose ball from NSW, when play resumed, opened the door for Queensland and they scored through winger Xavier Coates to cut the deficit to 14-6. The Blues had defended stoutly when To'o had been off the field and they continued that trend when he returned. The match was finally determined when Lomax leapt high to pluck a Cleary bomb out of the air, and dropped it back for Connor Watson to pick up. He showed great strength to get an offload away as he was going to ground for Edwards to score and secure an 18-6 victory. The Blues had become the first team since 1997-98 to win back-to-back games at Suncorp Stadium and leave them in a strong position to reclaim the series with games remaining at Perth and Sydney.

Westpac NSW Blues: 1. Dylan Edwards (Penrith Panthers), 2. Brian To'o (Penrith Panthers), 3. Stephen Crichton (Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs), 4. Latrell Mitchell (South Sydney Rabbitohs), 5. Zac Lomax (Parramatta Eels), 6. Mitchell Moses (Parramatta Eels), 7. Nathan Cleary (Penrith Panthers), 8. Mitchell Barnett (Warriors), 9. Reece Robson (North Queensland Cowboys), 10. Payne Haas (Brisbane Broncos), 11. Liam Martin (Penrith Panthers), 12. Angus Crichton (Sydney Roosters), 13. Isaah Yeo (c) (Penrith Panthers), 14. Connor Watson (Sydney Roosters), 15. Spencer Leniu (Sydney Roosters), 16. Hudson Young (Canberra Raiders), 17. Max King (Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs)*, 18. Campbell Graham (South Sydney Rabbitohs), 19. Stefano Utoikamanu (Melbourne Storm), 20. Haumole Olakau'atu (Manly Warringah Sea Eagles). Coach: Laurie Daley.

*Denotes debutant

NSW 18 (Zac Lomax 2, Brian To'o, Dylan Edwards tries; Nathan Cleary goal) **Queensland 6** (Xavier Coates try; Valentine Holmes goal) at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane on Wednesday 28 May.



The Westpac NSW Blues headed into Game Two of the State of Origin series at Optus Stadium in Perth with plenty of confidence. The Blues had played twice in the Western Australia capital and had an imposing record – they won 38-6 in Game Two of the 2019 series before going on to win the series and 44-12 in Game Two of the 2022 series.

Westpac NSW Blues coach Laurie Daley made two changes to the team that had won the opening game of the series in Brisbane when he initially announced his side for Game Two. Max King (Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs) was elevated to the starting side and Stefano Utoikamanu (Melbourne Storm) promoted to the bench after prop Mitch Barnett (Warriors) suffered a season-ending knee injury while playing for his club. The emergency players in the 20-man squad included Matt Burton (Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs), Keaon Koloamatangi (South Sydney Rabbitohs) and Lindsay Smith (Penrith Panthers). Koloamatangi was replaced in the squad by Jacob Preston (Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs) after the Rabbitohs forward suffered a facial fracture playing for his NRL club in the lead-up to Game Two.

The Blues headed straight into camp at the Fairmont Resort in the Blue Mountains where they held an open media day before beginning preparations for Game Two. They suffered a setback only days into the build-up when five-eighth Mitch Moses injured his calf while training at the Blue Mountains Grammar School in Wentworth Falls and was replaced in the team by Jarome Luai (Wests Tigers). The Blues returned to Sydney on Friday to complete their build-up in Sydney with an opposed session against the NSW Under 19s team, before travelling to Perth on Saturday. They trained at HBF Park and encountered another setback when halfback Nathan Cleary strained his groin on the eve of the match. He was cleared to play but was heavily strapped.

NSW started the match strongly after Luai put in an early kick that was toed ahead by back-rower Angus Crichton for winger Brian To'o to score. Winger Zac Lomax landed the conversion for the Blues to take an early 6-0 lead. The match then changed complexion with NSW on the receiving end of an 8-0 penalty count against them – it stretched to 9-0 in the

second half before the Blues received their first penalty of the game. Queensland were quick to capitalise and surged to a 26-6 lead at half-time following two tries to Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow, and tries to Cameron Munster and Kurt Capewell. NSW looked to have reduced the deficit before the break when Cleary crossed the line but the try was disallowed due to obstruction in the lead-up.

The Blues were staring at a history-making run chase – no team from either state had ever won after trailing by 20 points at half-time – but they got off to the right start when To'o grabbed his second try of the game out wide to reduce the margin to 26-10. NSW centre Stephen Crichton then muscled his way through the goal-line defence before To'o grabbed his third and the margin was back to 26-18. The Blues had all the momentum and when Angus Crichton pounced on a Luai kick to score and winger Zac Lomax converted they only trailed 26-24 with more than 10 minutes remaining. Unfortunately they were unable to find one more try that would have sealed the series, while they would also rue another tough night with the boot after Lomax landed two from six attempts.

Westpac NSW Blues: 1. Dylan Edwards (Penrith Panthers), 2. Brian To'o (Penrith Panthers), 3. Stephen Crichton (Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs), 4. Latrell Mitchell (South Sydney Rabbitohs), 5. Zac Lomax (Parramatta Eels), 6. Jarome Luai (Wests Tigers), 7. Nathan Cleary (Penrith Panthers), 8. Max King (Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs), 9. Reece Robson (North Queensland Cowboys), 10. Payne Haas (Brisbane Broncos), 11. Liam Martin (Penrith Panthers), 12. Angus Crichton (Sydney Roosters), 13. Isaah Yeo (c) (Penrith Panthers), 14. Connor Watson (Sydney Roosters), 15. Spencer Leniu (Sydney Roosters), 16. Hudson Young (Canberra Raiders), 17. Stefano Utoikamanu (Melbourne Storm), 18. Matt Burton (Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs), 19. Lindsay Smith (Penrith Panthers), 20. Jacob Preston (Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs). Coach: Laurie Daley.

Queensland 26 (Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow 2, Cameron Munster, Kurt Capewell tries; Valentine Holmes 5 goals) **NSW 24** (Brian To'o 3, Stephen Crichton, Angus Crichton tries; Zac Lomax 2 goals) at Optus Stadium, Perth on Wednesday 18 June.



Westpac NSW Blues coach Laurie Daley retained the same starting team for Game Three at Accor Stadium in Sydney after they had come close to pulling off a history-making win in Perth. The only changes were made in the emergencies for the 20-man squad with Jacob Kiraz (Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs), Lindsay Smith (Penrith Panthers) and Bradman Best (Newcastle Knights). Kiraz was brought into the squad as cover for winger Brian To'o, who had been battling a long-term hamstring issue.

The squad started camp with an open media day at the NSWRL Centre of Excellence followed by a Westpac State of Origin clinic for junior Rugby League players who had been affected by recent floods on the mid-north coast. The clinic involved about 200 children aged 10-12 from Junior Rugby League clubs in the area including Taree Red Rovers, Taree Panthers, Wingham Tigers, Kempsey Dragons and Smithtown Tigers. The squad then relocated camp to their base in the Blue Mountains and were joined for training sessions at the Blue Mountains Grammar School by Isaiya Katoa (Dolphins), Brian Kelly (Gold Coast Titans), Jack Williams (Parramatta Eels) and Teig Wilton (Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks).

Daley and the team expressed their condolences to Queensland five-eighth Cameron Munster following the news that Munster's father, Steven, had passed away while he was in camp. The Blues moved from their base in the Blue Mountains to Sydney Olympic Park to complete their build-up which included a Captain's Run at Accor Stadium. The team received a major boost on the eve of the game with To'o and prop Payne Haas – who had been restricted in his training during the lead-up because of an ongoing back problem – both cleared to play.

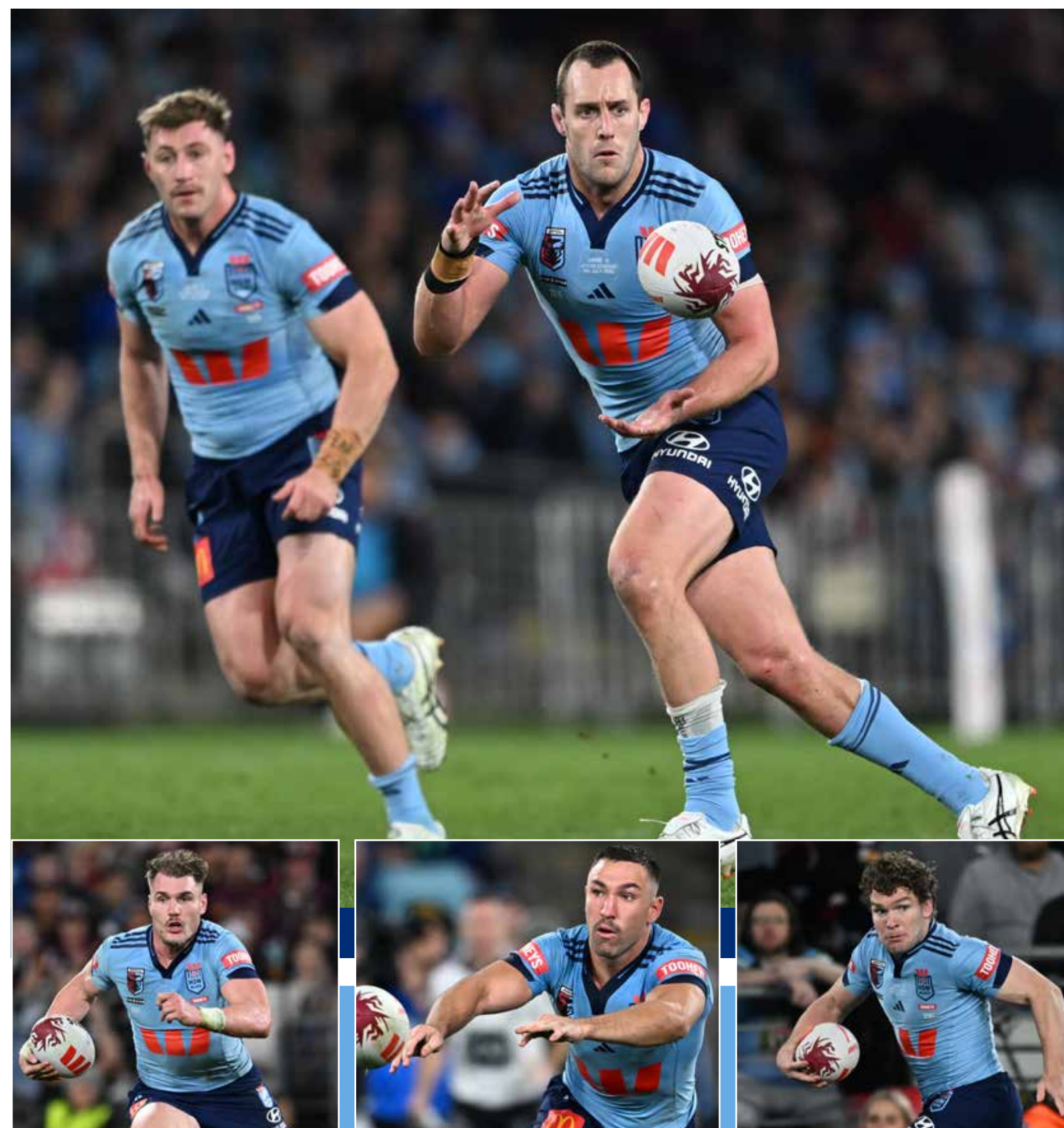
NSW started the match strongly but were unable to capitalise on their early chances and it was Queensland who took a 2-0 lead after Valentine Holmes landed a penalty goal. The Maroons then took charge of the first half, scoring tries through Xavier Coates, Tom Dearden and Harry Grant to take a 20-0 lead into half-time.

The Blues started the second half with plenty of intent but the Maroons defence was up for the challenge with back-rower Angus Crichton and To'o both denied tries. NSW finally cracked the Queensland defence when some quick hands resulted in centre Stephen Crichton scoring in the corner. Winger Zac Lomax converted to reduce the margin to 20-6 and keep their hopes alive.

The Blues had further chances but couldn't crack the Queensland defence and Dearden put the result beyond doubt when he grabbed his second try for a 24-6 lead. To'o grabbed a consolation try at the end – he finished the series equalling the record for most tries for NSW (11) alongside True Blue Josh Addo-Carr – to put some respectability in the scoreline 24-12. NSW had started the series with so much promise after winning the opening game in Brisbane to take a 1-0 lead but were unable to capitalise and relinquished the Shield.

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Coach: Laurie Daley.

Queensland 24 (Tom Dearden 2, Xavier Coates, Harry Grant tries; Valentine Holmes 4 goals)
NSW 12 (Stephen Crichton, Brian To'o tries; Zac Lomax 2 goals) at Accor Stadium, Sydney on Wednesday 9 July.



The Westpac NSW Blues Women started the series with a new coach, John Strange, who had enjoyed premiership success in the NRLW after steering the Sydney Roosters to titles in 2021 and 2024. His coaching assistants included True Blue Ruan Sims and Alicia Kate-Hawke, who had experience in the NRLW as an assistant coach. Strange conducted a six-week training camp at the NSWRL Centre of Excellence to bring the players' skill and fitness levels up to the required standard for Game One at Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane. This was also in line with the move in 2024 to shift the Harvey Norman NSW Women's Premiership to a mid-season start date to align it with the NRLW competition and increase opportunities for female players.

The 20-player squad for Game One was announced at the Sydney Opera House with the players and their family representatives in attendance. Strange included four debutants in the squad, Abbi Church (Parramatta Eels), Jayme Fressard and Jocelyn Kelleher (Sydney Roosters), and Ellie Johnston (Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks). Isabelle Kelly (Sydney Roosters) was named captain while Tiana Penitani Gray (Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks) was vice-captain. The squad included 11 players that had lost the 2024 series to Queensland. There were also four players, Kennedy Cherrington (Parramatta Eels), Shaylee Bent (Gold Coast Titans), Jesse Southwell (Newcastle Knights) and Kirra Dibb (North Queensland Cowboys), who had been part of previous Origin campaigns.

The team had only one training session at the NSWRL Centre of Excellence at Sydney Olympic Park before travelling to Brisbane to continue the build-up to Game One, which was to be played on the eve of the NRL's Magic Round at Suncorp Stadium. A group of players and staff held a short early-morning Anzac Day tribute at the Sydney Olympic Park fountain before training. In Brisbane the team trained at Ballymore Oval on both the field and in the gym before putting the finishing touches on their preparation with a Captain's Run at Totally Workwear Stadium.

NSW received an early break from the kick-off when Queensland kicked out on the full on the final tackle. The Blues turned the screws even further after forcing a number of repeat sets and the pressure eventually told when centre Jess Sergis dummied to her outside before barging her way over the line. Halfback Jesse Southwell landed the conversion for a 6-0 lead. The Maroons hit back through back-rower Sienna Lofipo to level the scores at 6-all but the Blues wrestled the advantage back in their favour when a quick shift to the left saw Kelly dive over the line. Southwell missed the conversion but NSW were back in front 10-6.

NSW kept the momentum going when Southwell found Church, who managed to get a pass away as she was going to ground to Kelly. The Blues skipper did well to lean down and grab the ball in front of her before sending Fressard on her way to score in the corner. Southwell was unable to land the tough conversion attempt from out wide to leave the score at 14-6 but Queensland pegged one back just before half-time through Rory Owen to cut the margin to 14-12.

A strong charge from Cherrington when play resumed put NSW on the front foot and they quickly spread the ball wide for Fressard to grab her second try for the game and extend the lead to 18-12. Another strong run, this time from prop Simaima Taufa, laid the platform for her front-row partner Johnston to crash her way over the line with Southwell landing the conversion for a 24-12 lead. NSW added another two points through a penalty goal and then finished the night on a high when Church accelerated through a gap and let her momentum carry her over the line. Southwell landed the conversion to finish with a 32-12 scoreline and put NSW 1-0 up in the series. Kelly was named Player of the Match after an inspirational performance that included a try, two try assists and 18 tackles with no misses.

Westpac NSW Blues Women: 1. Abbi Church (Parramatta Eels)*, 2. Jaime Chapman (Gold Coast Titans), 3. Jessica Sergis (Sydney Roosters), 4. Isabelle Kelly (c) (Sydney Roosters), 5. Jayme Fressard (Sydney Roosters)*, 6. Tiana Penitani Gray (Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks), 7. Jesse Southwell (Newcastle Knights), 8. Simaima Taufa (Canberra Raiders), 9. Keeley Davis (Sydney Roosters), 10. Ellie Johnston (Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks)*, 11. Kezie Apps (Wests Tigers), 12. Yasmin Clydsdale (Newcastle Knights), 13. Olivia Kernick (Sydney Roosters), 14. Jocelyn Kelleher (Sydney Roosters)*, 15. Kennedy Cherrington (Parramatta Eels), 16. Sarah Togatuki (Wests Tigers), 17. Emma Verran (Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks), 18. Shaylee Bent (Gold Coast Titans), 19. Kirra Dibb (North Queensland Cowboys), 20. Olivia Higgins (Newcastle Knights). Coach: John Strange.

*Denotes debutant

NSW 32 (Jayme Fressard 2, Jessica Sergis, Isabelle Kelly, Ellie Johnston, Abbi Church tries; Jesse Southwell 4 goals) **Queensland 12** (Sienna Lofipo, Rory Owen tries; Lauren Brown 2 goals) at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane on Thursday 1 May.



The Westpac NSW Blues Women headed into Game Two on a high after beating Queensland in their hometown in Brisbane in the opening match and with Game Two to be played at Allianz Stadium in Sydney. Coach John Strange stuck with the same starting side that had done the job for him at Suncorp Stadium, with the only changes coming in the extended squad with Brydie Parker (Sydney Roosters) joining as No.20 and Olivia Higgins (Newcastle Knights) as No.19.

The squad was based at Sydney Olympic Park and trained at the NSWRL Centre of Excellence. The squad celebrated Mother's Day with a cruise before returning to the Sydney Olympic Park precinct where they watched a Super Netball game between the NSW Swifts and Melbourne Vixens at Ken Rosewall Arena. The players who attended the match headed courtside after the game to mingle with the players and try their hand at shooting goals.

The squad held their final training session at Accor Stadium where Strange tipped a bottle of water over the ball aware that the team could be playing in wet weather at Allianz Stadium. NSW arrived at the ground on game night with the rain teeming down and large puddles of water around the ground and elected to proceed with their warm-up on the field.

NSW got off to a shaky start after Tamika Upton scored for Queensland to establish a 6-0 lead but they kept their composure and levelled the scores at 6-all when lock Olivia Kernick came up with a pinpoint short ball for prop Simaima Taufa to charge through a gap and score. Kernick stepped up again when she muscled her way through the defence to grab the Blues second try and extend the lead to 12-6 at half-time.

Southwell had the Maroons under pressure when play resumed after forcing a drop-out and NSW made their opponents pay when some quick hands led to winger Jayme Fressard scoring in the corner to make it 16-6. The Blues made it 20-6 when winger Jaime Chapman stepped her way past the defence and capitalised on the wet conditions to slide over the line and score. NSW completed the second half rout when Kernick barged her way over the line from short range with Southwell landing the conversion to make it 26-6 at full-time.

NSW had wrestled the Shield back from Queensland with two dominant performances and now stood on the cusp of becoming the first women's Origin team with a chance to win a series 3-0. Kernick was named Player of the Match for a powerhouse performance which included two tries, a try assist, two line-breaks, a line-break assist, 242 run metres and 35 tackles with only one miss.

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NSW 26 (Olivia Kernick 2, Simaima Taufa, Jayme Fressard, Jaime Chapman tries; Jesse Southwell 3 goals) **Queensland 6** (Tamika Upton try; Lauren Brown goal) at Allianz Stadium, Sydney on Thursday 15 May.



The Westpac NSW Blues Women headed into Game Three at McDonald Jones Stadium in Newcastle with a shot at becoming the first team to achieve a 3-0 whitewash. The team had scored convincing wins in the first two games of the series and remained confident they could make it a clean sweep in their home state. Queensland faced injury concerns with star fullback Tamika Upton ruled out of the match with a hip problem.

Westpac NSW Blues coach John Strange retained the same 20-player squad that he had in Game Two, with the only change being Olivia Higgins promoted to wear the No.18 jumper. The team began camp at the NSWRL Centre of Excellence at Sydney Olympic Park, which included a live cross from the gym with coach John Strange and players Olivia Kernick and Emma Verran to promote a new partnership with GIO.

The team shifted camp to Newcastle where they trained at the NRL Newcastle Knights Centre of Excellence, including an opposed session against the Knights' Jersey Flegg Cup team (Under 21s). They completed their preparation with a Captain's Run at McDonald Jones Stadium and were looking forward to a better outcome than their previous match in Newcastle in 2024 which they had lost narrowly 11-10 in atrocious conditions.

The Blues started the match strongly and came close to scoring on two occasions through centre Jess Sergis and winger Jaime Chapman only to be denied by some determined Queensland defence. The Maroons nearly scored through back-rower Sienna Lofipo but replays showed she had been on the dead-ball line before she planted the ball down. They recovered to score a short time later with prop Makenzie Weale crashing over the line and Lauren Brown converting for a 6-0 lead. The Maroons came close to scoring again only to be denied by some brilliant goal-line defence from fullback Abbi Church, who wrapped her arms around centre Emily Bass and stopped the ball from touching the ground.

NSW looked to have finally scored when Isabelle Kelly was put over the line but replays showed she had failed to ground the ball. The Blues took the setback in their stride and moments later Sergis skipped over the line to reduce the deficit to 6-4. Further pressure from the home team was rewarded when winger Jayme Fressard found herself on the receiving end of a brilliant cut-out pass from halfback Jesse Southwell and she crossed out wide to extend the lead to 8-6 at half-time.

The two sides went set-for-set when play resumed before Jocelyn Kelleher caught the Queensland goal-line defence napping and scooted over from dummy-half next to the posts with Southwell landing the conversion for a 14-6 lead. The Maroons pegged one back through back-rower Romy Teitzel to reduce the margin to 14-12 and set up a thrilling finish with more than 15 minutes remaining. NSW had their chances but it was the Maroons who came up trumps after Chelsea Lenarduzzi scored off a set play to deny the Blues a 3-0 clean sweep. NSW had still reclaimed the Shield 2-1 while back-rower Olivia Kernick claimed the Nellie Doherty Medal for Player of the Series.

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Queensland 18 (Makenzie Weale, Romy Teitzel, Chelsea Lenarduzzi tries; Lauren Brown 3 goals)
NSW 14 (Jessica Sergis, Jayme Fressard, Jocelyn Kelleher tries; Jesse Southwell goal) at McDonald Jones Stadium, Newcastle on Thursday 29 May.



The CAFE NSW Under 19s Men's team had enjoyed success against Queensland for the past three seasons and started 2025 with a new coach in True Blue Josh Jackson for the match at Sunshine Coast Stadium. Jackson, who had taken Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs to a Jersey Flegg Cup premiership in 2024, assembled a coaching staff that included other Trues Blues in Dale Finucane, Trent Hodgkinson and Josh Reynolds.

The 20-player squad was based at Sydney Olympic Park and trained at the NSWRL Centre of Excellence. It included five players from the team that beat Queensland 14-10 at Leichhardt Oval in 2024 – fullback Connor Votano and prop Cody Hopwood (Newcastle Knights), centre Hayden Buchanan and back-rower Jacob Halangahu (St George Illawarra Dragons), and halfback Mitchell Woods (Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs) – while Zane Harrison (Gold Coast Titans) was 18th player in 2024. It also featured three players from the UNE SG Ball Cup (Under 19s) Premiers Sydney Roosters – Toby Rodwell, Jaxson Allen and Kanaan Magele – and Jezaiah Funa-luta from Grand Finalists Parramatta Eels. Hopwood and Woods were named co-captains of the team.

The team had an opposed session against the Westpac NSW Blues at the NSWRL Centre of Excellence before the Blues departed for Perth for Game Two of the State of Origin series. The team headed to the Sunshine Coast to put the finishing touches on their preparation which included a Captain's Run at Sunshine Coast Stadium.

Queensland got off to a fast start after lock Cooper Bai barged his way over the line to set up a 6-0 lead despite the best efforts by NSW to hold him up in goal. The Maroons extended that to 12-0 after back-rower Zac Garton scored in the corner with halfback Coby Black landing the conversion from the sideline. NSW were then reduced to 12 players after Jordan Uta was sin binned for a shoulder charge but managed to overcome the setback when five-eighth Toby Rodwell double-pumped the ball before picking up Halangahu to crash his way through the defence and over the line to reduce the margin to 12-6. Queensland hit back just before half-time after Black landed a field goal to extend their lead to 13-6.

Queensland maintained their momentum when play resumed after a kick was spilled by NSW and kept alive by the Maroons for Black to swoop on the bouncing ball and score in the corner to make it 17-6. NSW needed to be the next team to score to stay in the contest and they obliged when Votano won the race to a Rodwell bomb and then offloaded for forward Cyrus Stanley-Traill to score. Votano added the conversion to reduce the deficit to 17-12. NSW went back-to-back after Woods picked up Hopwood running a nice line to stroll over untouched with Votano landing the conversion to put his team in front 18-17. NSW then made it three tries in the space of five minutes when Rodwell put Votano into a hole and he found Jaxson Allen in support to push out to a 22-17 lead. Queensland rallied and scored through centre Prestyn Laine-Sietu with less than seven minutes remaining. Five-eighth Javon Andrews landed the conversion from out wide to put Queensland back in front 23-22 and NSW were unable to find one more try to save them from a narrow defeat.

CAFE NSW Under 19s Men: 1. Connor Votano (Newcastle Knights), 2. Luke Laulilii (Wests Tigers), 3. Hayden Buchanan (St George Illawarra Dragons), 4. Nikora Williams (Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks), 5. Jethro Rinakama (Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs), 6. Toby Rodwell (Sydney Roosters), 7. Mitchell Woods (c) (Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs), 8. Cody Hopwood (c) (Newcastle Knights), 9. Jaxson Allen (Sydney Roosters), 10. Cooper Clarke (Melbourne Storm), 11. Jacob Halangahu (St George Illawarra Dragons), 12. Jezaiah Funa-luta (Parramatta Eels), 13. Jordan Uta (Canberra Raiders), 14. Zane Harrison (Gold Coast Titans), 15. Cyrus Stanley-Traill (St George Illawarra Dragons), 16. Hokaforu Lemoto (Penrith Panthers), 17. Kanaan Magele (Sydney Roosters), 18. Haemasi Makasini (Wests Tigers). Coach: Josh Jackson.

Queensland 23 (Cooper Bai, Zac Garton, Coby Black, Prestyn Laine-Sietu tries; Black 2, Javon Andrews goals; Black field goal) **NSW 22** (Jacob Halangahu, Cyrus Stanley-Traill, Cody Hopwood, Jaxson Allen tries; Connor Votano 3 goals) at Sunshine Coast Stadium, Sunshine Coast on Thursday 19 June.



The Westpac NSW Under 19s Women's team had scored a decisive win against Queensland in 2024 to reclaim the Shield and started 2025 with a new coach, Courtney Crawford, for the match at Sunshine Coast Stadium. Crawford coached the Illawarra Steelers in the Westpac Tarsha Gale Cup (Under 19s) and appointed Ryan Walker (Parramatta Eels) and Melissa Spero (Sydney Roosters) as her assistants.

The 20-player squad included seven players from the team which defeated Queensland 46-4 at Leichhardt Oval in Sydney in 2024 – lock Ryvrr-Lee Alo (Parramatta Eels), centre Indie Bostock (Illawarra Steelers), back-rower Evah McEwen (Newcastle Knights), five-eighth Evie McGrath (Wests Tigers), winger Maria Paseka (Illawarra Steelers), halfback Kasey Reh (Illawarra Steelers) and prop Bronte Wilson (Illawarra Steelers). The team included five players from Tarsha Gale Cup Premiers Parramatta Eels, Alo, replacement Khyliah Gray, hooker Ava Jones, prop Tess McWilliams and back-rower Fontayne Tufuga, and two from Grand Finalists Indigenous Academy Sydney Roosters, centre Tyra Ekepati and fullback Logan Fletcher.

The team was based at Sydney Olympic Park and trained at the NSWRL Centre of Excellence before travelling to the Sunshine Coast to complete their preparation, which included a Captain's Run at Sunshine Coast Stadium.

The two teams went set-for-set in the opening 10 minutes before Queensland found the first try after prop Reegan Hicks crashed through the defensive line to score with five-eighth Ella-Jaye Harrison-Leaunoa landing the conversion for a 6-0 lead. NSW hit back shortly afterwards after hooker Tori Shipton picked up Wilson close to the line to score next to the posts with Fletcher converting to lock the scores up at 6-all. NSW took the lead after Queensland spilled a bomb from Reh and McGrath pounced on the loose ball before racing away to score in the corner and make it 10-6. They extended their lead after Ekepati found herself in space before stepping back infield to improve her position with Fletcher adding the conversion to make it 16-6 at half-time.

Queensland pegged one back when play resumed after a kick took a favourable bounce for winger Jennifer Kimber to score from 30m out. NSW took back the advantage when Shipton darted out of dummy-half and found Alo in support who in turn offloaded for Reh to push her way through the goal-line defence to score. NSW added one more try through winger Maria Paseka with less than 10 minutes remaining and defended resolutely until full-time to seal a 26-10 win. NSW had defended the Shield with Reh named Player of the Match after a strong performance that included a try and a hand in several others.

Westpac NSW Under 19s Women: 1. Logan Fletcher (Sydney Roosters), 2. Liesl Hopoate (Illawarra Steelers), 3. Indie Bostock (Illawarra Steelers), 4. Tyra Ekepati (Sydney Roosters), 5. Maria Paseka (Illawarra Steelers), 6. Evie McGrath (Wests Tigers), 7. Kasey Reh (c) (Illawarra Steelers), 8. Ella Walker (Wests Tigers), 9. Tori Shipton (Illawarra Steelers), 10. Tess McWilliams (Parramatta Eels), 11. Fontayne Tufuga (Parramatta Eels), 12. Evah McEwen (Newcastle Knights), 13. Ryvrr-Lee Alo (Parramatta Eels), 14. Ava Jones (Parramatta Eels), 15. Bronte Wilson (Illawarra Steelers), 16. Siulolo Richter (Illawarra Steelers), 17. Khyliah Gray (Parramatta Eels), 18. Tahlia O'Brien (Illawarra Steelers). Coach: Courtney Crawford.

NSW 26 (Bronte Wilson, Evie McGrath, Tyra Ekepati, Kasey Reh, Maria Paseka tries; Logan Fletcher 3 goals) **Queensland 10** (Reegan Hicks, Jennifer Kimber tries; Ella-Jaye Harrison-Leaunoa goal) at Sunshine Coast Stadium, Sunshine Coast on Thursday 19 June.



The Country v City representative weekend was played on 17-18 May and featured 14 teams in seven games spread across two days at two different venues, Jubilee Stadium and the Camellia Indoor Sports Centre at Rosehill in Sydney's west. The matches played on Saturday included Under 16s Boys, Under 18s Boys, Men's Open Age and Wheelchair Rugby League, while the games on Sunday featured Physical Disability Rugby League, Under 17s Girls and Under 19s Women. There was no Women's Open Age match due to the change in the Women's State of Origin schedule, with all three matches also played in May.

The CABA Under 16s Country team was made up of players from the SLE Andrew Johns Cup and the City team from the UNE Harold Matthews Cup, while the CABA Under 18s Country team was from the SLE Laurie Daley Cup and the City team the UNE SG Ball Cup. The Westpac Under 17s Country and City Girls teams consisted of players from the Westpac Lisa Fiaola Cup, while the Westpac Under 19s Country and City Women's teams were made up of players from the Westpac Tarsha Gale Cup. The CABA Men's Open Age Country team was made up of players from the Men's Country Championships, and the City team from the Leagues Clubs Australia Ron Massey Cup. The Under 18s Men's match and Under 19s Women's match also acted as a selection guide for the NSW Under 19s State of Origin men's and women's games that were played in June.

City took the honours on Saturday after winning three of the four matches. The City Under 17s team were too strong for their Country counterparts with a 44-0 win with winger Zack Fitzgerald and five-eighth Payton Tarau both grabbing doubles. City were also too strong for Country in the Under 19s match after setting up a 30-24 win, while the City Wheelchair Rugby League team also held on against a fast-finishing Country for a 36-26 win. Country finished the first day on a high after the Men's Open Age team secured a 26-14 win over City – their third win in five years in the Men's Open Age contest since the representative fixture returned to the NSWRL calendar in 2021.

City rebounded on Sunday to win all three matches that were up for grabs – 26-14 in Physical Disability Rugby League, 28-8 in Under 17s Girls and 27-26 in Under 19s Women. The Under 19s Women's match, which featured 13 players who would go on to represent NSW, was the highlight of the second day with the two sides trading tries before Country took a slender 16-14 lead into half-time. The two sides continued to trade tries in the second half until City scored through Ava Jones with five minutes remaining to take a 26-20 lead. Country refused to give up and levelled the score up again at 26-all on the back of a stunning 50m run from winger Elise Simpson. Both

teams had their opportunities in extra time before the match headed into golden point with halfback Kiara McGregor stepping up to slot a field goal from 20 metres out and seal a 27-26 win for City. The result ensured the weekend would belong to City who took the honours 6-1.

Country v City matches started in 1911 with the best players from Country Rugby League taking on the best players from the NSWRL premiership. The concept was then shelved before returning in 1928, and from 1987-2017 was played under Origin selection rules. The representative fixture returned to the NSWRL calendar in 2021.

UNDER 16s BOYS

City 44 (Zack Fitzgerald 3, Payton Tarau 2, Riley Rostron, Caleb Leiataua, Oliver Burton tries; Tarau 6 goals) **Country 0** at Jubilee Stadium, Kogarah on Saturday 17 May.

UNDER 18s BOYS

City 30 (Itula Seve 2, Paul Johnson, Oliver Lester, Darcy Smith tries; Lincoln Fletcher 4, Cameron Bamblett goals) **Country 14** (Archie Wheeler, Toby Batten, Rielly Laverty tries; Diesel Hagan goal) at Jubilee Stadium, Kogarah on Saturday 17 May.

MEN'S OPEN AGE

Country 26 (Jacob Kernick 2, Callum Gromek, Matthew Soper-Lawler tries; Chad O'Donnell 4, Soper-Lawler goals) **City 14** (Anthony Layoun, Vito Tevaga, Steven Taupau Sako tries; Zac Greene goal) at Jubilee Stadium, Kogarah on Saturday 17 May.

UNDER 17s GIRLS

City 28 (Georgia Wansey 4, Meme Sivo, Cody Tuimaseve, Freedom Crichton Ropati tries) **Country 8** (Marley Gristwood 2 tries) at Jubilee Stadium, Kogarah on Sunday 18 May.

UNDER 19s WOMEN

City 27 (Danielle Seckold 2, Kiana Vatubua 2, Ava Jones tries; Kiara McGregor 3 goals; McGregor field goal) **Country 26** (Tyra Ekepati, Bronte Wilson, Indie Bostock, Koffi Brookfield, Elise Simpson tries; Logan Fletcher 3 goals) at Jubilee Stadium, Kogarah on Sunday 18 May.



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COMPETITIONS



The Knock-On Effect NSW Cup is the state's premier competition and featured 13 teams – Canberra Raiders, Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs, Manly Warringah Sea Eagles, Newcastle Knights, Newtown Jets, North Sydney Bears, Parramatta Eels, Penrith Panthers, South Sydney Rabbitohs, St George Illawarra Dragons, Sydney Roosters, Warriors and Western Suburbs Magpies. The competition was played over 26 rounds followed by a top five finals series.

The competition continues to go from strength-to-strength as a valuable pathway with 58 players graduating from the NSW Cup to play NRL in 2025. In 2024 there were 60 graduates, 44 in 2023, 46 in 2022, and 52 in 2021. The regular season also included a Regional Magic Round in May, with five games played over two days at Scully Park in Tamworth.

The Warriors were the dominant team in the competition and finished the season as Minor Premiers. They dropped only two games of the 24 they played during the regular season and had the best attack (797) and defence (386) of all teams. St George Illawarra Dragons (2) were the next best team – 11 competitions points behind the Warriors after 26 rounds. The top five was rounded out by Parramatta Eels (3), Newtown Jets (4) and Canberra Raiders (5). The Warriors also had plenty of players who featured in key statistics for 2025. Captain Kalani Going, who was named The Knock-On Effect NSW Cup Player of the Year at the Brad Fittler Medal, was the third-best player for the season for post-contact metres (1100) and fourth for tackles (720).

The Dragons, who were led by captain and fullback Cody Ramsey in one of the more inspiring stories of the season after he missed 896 days away from the game due to a serious medical condition, beat the Eels 24-18 in the Qualifying Final. The Raiders ended the season of the 2024 premiers, Newtown Jets, with a narrow 24-20 win in the Elimination Final. The Dragons were the first team to book their spot in the decider with a 24-10 win over the Warriors in the Major Semi-final while the Eels rebounded in the Minor Semi-final to beat the Raiders 36-30. The Warriors welcomed back several players for their Preliminary Final against the Eels after their NRL side was eliminated from the finals race and they indicated they would be hard to beat after running away with a 42-14 win.

The Grand Final between the Dragons and the Warriors was played at CommBank Stadium on Sunday 28 September. The Dragons were chasing their first win in the competition since 2001 while the Warriors were looking at a slice of history as the NSW Cup competition had never been won by a team outside NSW. Both teams were littered with talented players who had been part of the NRL squads in 2025.

The opening exchanges were befitting of a Grand Final but it was Tanah Boyd who wrestled the momentum in favour of his team after catching the Dragons defence out with a booming 40-20 kick. Within a few tackles, centre Moala Graham-Taufa burrowed his way over from dummy-half for a 4-0 lead. The Dragons hit back after Lachlan Ilias picked up Hayden Buchanan with a short ball with five-eighth Jonah Glover landing the conversion for a 6-4 lead but the Red V then suffered a blow after hooker Connor Muhleisen was forced from the field with a knee injury. The Warriors scored twice, with Boyd kicking for his winger Setu Tu before Samuel Healey was rewarded for supporting a break by Eddie Ileremia-Toeava, to set up a 16-6 lead at half-time.

The Dragons needed to score first when play resumed to keep their premiership hopes alive and Muhleisen's replacement, Haele Finau, obliged with a try from dummy-half. Glover converted to reduce the margin to 16-12. The match changed momentum when Ilias was sin binned for tackling a player without the ball with Boyd adding a penalty goal for an 18-12 lead. The Warriors added another try while Ilias was off the field with centre Ali Leiataua putting Tu over for his second for the afternoon to extend the margin to 24-12. Boyd, who was named Player of the Match after a standout performance, sealed the result when he put a pinpoint grubber kick through for Eddie Ileremia-Toeava to score for a 30-12 lead. There was still 20 minutes remaining, but the Warriors defended stoutly to secure the Auckland-based club's first premiership. They would back their performance up in the NRL State Championship a week later on NRL Grand Final Day with a comprehensive 50-20 win over the QRL-based premiers Burleigh Bears.

Warriors 30 (Setu Tu 2, Moala Graham-Taufa, Samuel Healey, Eddie Ileremia-Toeava tries; Tanah Boyd 5 goals) **St George Illawarra Dragons 12** (Hayden Buchanan, Haele Finau tries; Jonah Glover 2 goals) at CommBank Stadium on Sunday 28 September.

Standings: Warriors 47, St George Illawarra Dragons 36, Parramatta Eels 35, Newtown Jets 31, Canberra Raiders 30, Penrith Panthers 30, Sydney Roosters 30, Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs 26, Western Suburbs Magpies 23, North Sydney Bears 22, Manly Warringah Sea Eagles 22, Newcastle Knights 18, South Sydney Rabbitohs 14.



The Harvey Norman NSW Women's Premiership is the state's premier competition for women and welcomed Penrith Panthers into the competition for the first time. It featured 12 teams – Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs, Central Coast Roosters, Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks, Illawarra Steelers, Mounties, Newcastle Knights, Parramatta Eels, Penrith Panthers, South Sydney Rabbitohs, St George Dragons, Wests Tigers and Wentworthville Magpies. The competition was aligned with the NRLW competition to increase the pathway opportunities for female players and was played over 11 rounds followed by two weeks of finals.

The Knights finished on top of the table and had the best defensive record of all teams – they conceded only 106 points or just under 10 points a game on average. The top four was rounded out by Mounties (2) – who had the best attack of all teams with 288 points across the season – Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (3) and the 2024 premiers Illawarra Steelers (4). The make-up of the top four went down to the final round with an unlucky Parramatta Eels sliding from second place to fifth after a surprise 28-24 loss to the eighth-placed Wests Tigers while Mounties, the Sharks and the Steelers all registered wins to leapfrog them into the top four.

Mounties faced off against the Sharks in the first Semi-final in what was an entertaining contest with the two sides trading tries – and the lead – in the first half. Mounties scored two tries in the space of three minutes late in the half to take an 18-12 lead into the break. They extended their lead to 22-12, and then again to 26-18, but the Sharks never gave up and scored two late tries to set up an unlikely 30-26 win. The Knights proved far too strong for the Steelers in the other Semi-final, with hooker Leah Ollerton grabbing a first-half double to help her team to a convincing 26-6 lead at half-time. The Steelers rallied in the second half and closed the gap to 28-18 on the back of a hat-trick from centre Jessica Patea but any hopes of a comeback ended when Knights prop Grace Kukutai crashed over the line to help seal a 34-22 win.

The Grand Final between the Knights and the Sharks was played at CommBank Stadium on Sunday 28 September. The Sharks opened the scoring after hooker Koffi Brookfield fooled the defence with a dummy before burrowing her way over the line. The Sharks extended their lead to 12-0 after halfback Olivia Herman sent centre Monique Donovan – the Harvey Norman NSW Women's Premiership Player of the Year – over the line. The Sharks added one more to make it 18-0 after keeping the ball alive with some quick hands before it landed in the arms of centre Dominique du Toit who powered her way over the line. She was later named Player of the Match. The Knights needed something special to break the Sharks momentum and it arrived in the form of a kick from halfback Ashlee Harvey which took a saloon bounce before being taken by winger Tyla Brown to reduce the deficit to 18-4 at half-time.

The Knights clawed their way back into contention in the second half with tries to fullback Kayla Henderson and replacement Charley Lahmert to close the margin to 18-12 with more than 10 minutes still to play. The Sharks defence held tough – the Knights scored in the final two minutes but were penalised for a double movement – to hand the club its first title in the competition.

Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks 18 (Koffi Brookfield, Monique Donovan, Dominique du Toit tries; Ella Ropata 3 goals) **Newcastle Knights 12** (Tyla Brown, Kayla Henderson, Charley Lahmert tries) at CommBank Stadium on Sunday 28 September.

Standings: Newcastle Knights 20, Mounties 16, Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks 16, Illawarra Steelers 16, Parramatta Eels 16, South Sydney Rabbitohs 11, Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs 10, Wests Tigers 10, Penrith Panthers 8, Central Coast Roosters 6, Wentworthville Magpies 3, St George Dragons 0.



The Jersey Flegg Cup (Under 21s Men) featured 14 teams – Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs, Canberra Raiders, Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks, Kaiviti Silktails, Manly Warringah Sea Eagles, Melbourne Storm, Newcastle Knights, Parramatta Eels, Penrith Panthers, South Sydney Rabbitohs, St George Illawarra Dragons, Sydney Roosters, Warriors and Wests Tigers. The competition was played over 26 rounds followed by a top five finals series.

The Storm finished the season as Minor Premiers and had the best attack (826) and defence (480) of all teams in the competition. They became a permanent fixture in the top five after Round Two and remained in top position from Round 17 onwards. It was a testament to the work that had been done by the club with their pathways program after they took over the NRL Victoria-run Thunderbolts program in 2023. It was also their first finals appearance while a record 13 local Victorians featured in the squad during the 2025 campaign. The top five was rounded out by Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (2), Canberra Raiders (3), Penrith Panthers (4) and Parramatta Eels (5).

The opening week of the finals saw the Sharks hold on for a 16-12 win against the Raiders in the Qualifying Final, while the Panthers proved too strong for the Eels in the Elimination Final after cruising to a 24-0 lead at half-time before going on to win 32-12. The Storm were the first team to book their place in the decider after a comprehensive 38-10 win over the Sharks in the Major Semi-final with halfback Dylan Brettle bagging a double, while the Panthers survived another sudden death match with a 32-18 win over the Raiders with winger Nick Murphy crossing the line for four tries. The Panthers were on song in the Preliminary Final against the Sharks after shooting out to a 40-16 lead with 20 minutes remaining but then had to hang on after their opponents stormed home with four unanswered tries to just miss out at 40-36 at full-time.

The Grand Final between the Storm and the Panthers was played at CommBank Stadium on Sunday 28 September. The Storm were chasing their first premiership in the competition with their line-up including the Jersey Flegg Cup Player of the Year Preston Conn, while the Panthers – who boasted the second-best attack (809) – were looking to capture their first title since 2022.

The Storm started the match strongly with fullback Hugo Peel scoring underneath the posts but the Panthers hit back through winger Jirah Liddiard to level the scores at 6-all. Liddiard added a second try to his tally to put the Panthers in front 10-6 but the Storm took over from that point on. They scored through centre Mitchell Jennings and replacement Cooper Clarke to take a 20-10 lead into half-time. Peel grabbed his second try when play resumed, and the match looked all but over, when halfback Dylan Brettle intercepted a pass and raced away to score to extend the lead to 32-10. The Panthers scored again through hooker Jensen Tuaoi, after both teams had a player sent to the sin bin following a scuffle, to give themselves a faint hope at 32-16. With 10 minutes remaining Storm centre Liam Williams scored to seal the result at 38-16. The Storm became the first club outside NSW to capture the Jersey Flegg Cup since the competition started in 1961 while Brettle was named Player of the Match after a strong performance.

Melbourne Storm 38 (Hugo Peel 2, Mitchell Jennings, Cooper Clarke, Dylan Brettle, Liam Williams tries; Eli Morris 7 goals) **Penrith Panthers 16** (Jirah Liddiard 2, Jensen Tuaoi tries; Liddiard 2 goals) at CommBank Stadium on Sunday 28 September.

Standings: Melbourne Storm 39, Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks 38, Canberra Raiders 37, Penrith Panthers 36, Parramatta Eels 36, Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs 31, Wests Tigers 30, Warriors 27, Sydney Roosters 26, Newcastle Knights 25, St George Illawarra Dragons 24, South Sydney Rabbitohs 15, Manly Warringah Sea Eagles 15, Kaiviti Silktails 13.



The Leagues Clubs Australia Ron Massey Cup featured nine teams – Blacktown Workers, Brothers Penrith, Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs, Glebe Dirty Reds, Hills Bulls, Mounties, Ryde-Eastwood Hawks, St Marys Saints and Wenty Magpies. The competition was played over 20 rounds followed by a top five finals series. The regular season also included a Magic Round in July, with all four matches played at St Marys Leagues Stadium to acknowledge the vital contribution licensed clubs make to the game.

St Marys Saints enjoyed another strong season after finishing as Minor Premiers, with the best attack (555) and defence (238) of all teams. It was the third consecutive season the club had finished with the Minor Premiership and they were determined to go one better in 2025 after exiting against eventual premiers Glebe Dirty Reds in the Preliminary Final in 2024. They boasted a strong line-up which included a host of players with NRL experience including Michael Jennings, Bryce Cartwright and Christian Crichton. The top five was rounded out by Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (2), Mounties (3), Wenty Magpies (4) – whose line-up included former NRL player Jarryd Hayne – and Glebe Dirty Reds (5).

The Dirty Reds premiership defence came to an end in the Elimination Final against the Magpies who built on a 10-4 half-time lead to win 26-8. The Hawks proved too strong in the Qualifying Final against Mounties after running away with a 36-22 win with hooker Joe Lovodua bagging a double. St Marys reinforced the perception that they were the team to beat after romping away with a 52-16 win over the Hawks in the Major Semi-final. Wenty continued on their winning ways after beating Mounties 32-18. The Hawks failed to recover from their Semi-final loss, with Wenty booking a place in the decider after beating them 26-10 in the Preliminary Final.

The Grand Final between St Marys and Wenty was played at Leichhardt Oval on Saturday 13 September. The two clubs had a healthy rivalry in the competition with Wenty beating St Marys in the 2018-19 Grand Finals before St Marys returned the favour in 2023. The two sides traded tries early, with Christian Crichton scoring for St Marys and Josh Bergamin for Wenty, before Cartwright showed his class to stroll through a gap and score to put Saints back in front 10-6. The floodgates opened from that point on with Saints scoring again through back-rower Steve Tavita and Jennings to take a 22-6 lead into the break.

Things got tougher for the Magpies in the second half when replacement Shalom O'Ofou was sent to the sin bin and St Marys capitalised on the extra-man advantage when Crichton crossed for his second try to extend the lead to 28-6. The Magpies rallied and scored through back-rower Chris Tupou to reduce the margin to 28-12 before another scuffle saw both teams reduced to 12 men with Magpies five-eighth Raymond Maroun and Saints hooker Brad Keighran both sent off. Saints then lost another player after five-eighth Anthony Layoun was sin binned with less than 10 minutes remaining, but despite having only 11 players on the field they scored again through halfback Zac Greene to take a match-winning 34-12 lead. The Magpies grabbed two consolation tries at the end to cut the margin to 34-22 but Saints had set up the win with their work in the first half. It was the club's second premiership in three years with Greene claiming the Paul Griffin Medal for Player of the Match.

St Marys Saints 34 (Christian Crichton 2, Bryce Cartwright, Steve Tavita, Michael Jennings, Zac Greene tries; Greene 5 goals) **Wenty Magpies 22** (Josh Bergamin, Chris Tupou, Austin Quast, Beau Newlands tries; Dylan White 3 goals) at CommBank Stadium on Saturday 13 September.

Standings: St Marys Saints 39, Ryde-Eastwood Hawks 31, Mounties 30, Wenty Magpies 29, Glebe Dirty Reds, 27, Brothers Penrith 20, Hills Bulls 18, Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs 14, Blacktown Workers 10.



The Sydney Shield featured nine teams – Brothers Penrith, Glebe Dirty Reds, Hills Bulls, Manly Leagues, Moorebank Rams, Mounties, Ryde-Eastwood Hawks, St Marys Saints and Wentworthville United. The competition was played over 20 rounds followed by a top five finals series.

Wentworthville Magpies finished the season as Minor Premiers with the best defence (300) of all teams in the competition. They took over top spot on the ladder in Round Four, held it until Round 11 when they surrendered it to Manly Leagues, and then reclaimed it in Round 15 and held it for the rest of the season. The top five was rounded out by Manly Leagues (2), St Marys Saints (3), Mounties (4) and Hills Bulls (5).

St Marys - who had the best attack (539) for the season - sounded a warning shot in the opening week of the finals after scoring a comfortable 44-10 win over Manly Leagues in the Qualifying Final, while Mounties ended the season of Hills Bulls in the Elimination Final with a 34-14 victory. Manly Leagues rebounded in strong fashion in the Minor Semi-final with a 52-18 win over Mounties which saw Braith Alexander, the son of True Blue Greg Alexander, and Jake Watmough, the son of True Blue Anthony Watmough, both bag doubles. Wentworthville Magpies fought back from a 14-12 half-time deficit in the Major Semi-final against St Marys to register a 22-18 win and book their place in the decider. Manly Leagues also showed their loss in the Qualifying Final was a distant memory after rebounding to end St Marys' season with a 30-18 win.

The Grand Final between the Magpies and Manly Leagues was played at Leichhardt Oval on Saturday 13 September. Wentworthville opened the scoring first through captain and winger Dermot McKeever-King but Manly responded through fullback Max Lehmann who stepped back infield past the goal-line defence to lock the scores up at 4-all. The Manly No.1 made it back-to-back tries when he surged on to a pass from five-eighth Witika Rees-Hatu to score in the corner. Manly extended their lead to 12-4 after back-rower Khan Symonds-Magee plucked an Alexander bomb out of the air before passing for winger Lachlan Burt to score. Rees-Hatu then caught the goal-line defence napping when he dummied before crossing the line to have Manly well in control at 16-4 at half-time. The margin could have been greater but Burt was having a tough afternoon with the boot after missing all four conversions.

Wentworthville needed to be the first team to score after the break and winger Elias Abou-Mrad obliged when he charged on to a cut-out pass from halfback Darcy Brettle and then pushed the defence off to score in the corner. A 40-20 kick put the Magpies on the attack and some slick play saw Abou-Mrad dive over untouched out wide. Brettle landed the first conversion of the afternoon for either side from the sideline and then added a penalty goal to lock the scores up at 16-all. The Magpies then took the lead after lock Denzal Tonise crashed over from dummy-half and they looked on track for the win when Brettle converted for a 22-16 lead. Manly received another attacking opportunity in the final minute and Alexander found Lehmann who raced back infield to score underneath the posts. Burt landed his first conversion of the day to lock the scores back up at 22-all and send the match into extra-time.

Brettle landed a two-point field goal in the first five minutes of extra-time to give the Magpies the edge but a penalty for a high tackle gave Manly a chance to level the scores again and they did, with replacement Tamoko Berryman-Duff landing the goal from 20m out and to the left of the posts to make it 24-all. The match headed into golden point and it wasn't decided until the 96th minute when Berryman-Duff landed a field goal from 20m out to cap an epic Grand Final.

Manly Leagues 25 (Max Lehmann 3, Lachlan Burt, Witika Rees-Hatu tries; Burt, Tamoko Berryman-Duff goals; Berryman-Duff field goal) **Wentworthville United 24** (Elias Abou-Mrad 2, Dermot McKeever-King, Denzal Tonise tries; Darcy Brettle 3 goals; Darcy Brettle 2-point field goal) at Leichhardt Oval on Saturday 13 September.

Standings: Wentworthville United 33, Manly Leagues 28, St Marys Saints 26, Mounties 26, Hills Bulls 25, Brothers Penrith 22, Ryde-Eastwood Hawks 22, Glebe Dirty Reds 22, Moorebank Rams 12.



Newcastle Rugby League Denton Engineering Cup

The Denton Engineering Cup is the premier competition for Newcastle Rugby League and featured 11 teams – Central Newcastle Butcher Boys, Cessnock Goannas, Kurri Kurri Bulldogs, Lakes United Seagulls, Macquarie Scorpions, Maitland Pickers, Northern Hawks, South Newcastle Lions, The Entrance Tigers, Western Suburbs Rosellas and Wyong Roos. The competition was played over 18 rounds followed by a top five finals series.

The Pickers had been the dominant force in the competition after capturing the premiership for the past three seasons (2022-24) and finished on top of the ladder again. They had the best defence (198) and the second-best attack (384), bettered only by the Western Suburbs Rosellas (404). The top five was rounded out by Cessnock Goannas (2), Wyong Roos (3), Western Suburbs Rosellas (4) and The Entrance Tigers (5).

The Goannas set up a showdown with the Pickers after beating Wyong 26-12 in the Qualifying Final, while the Rosellas eclipsed the Tigers 16-14 in the Elimination Final. Maitland was the first team to book their spot in the decider after beating Cessnock 36-8 in the Major Semi-final, while the Rosellas maintained their run with a 30-16 win over Wyong in the Minor Semi-final. The Goannas had to dig deep to secure their spot in the decider after ending the charge of the Rosellas 26-24 in the Preliminary Final.

The Grand Final between the Pickers and the Goannas was played at McDonald Jones Stadium on Sunday 21 September. The Pickers started the match strongly with Matthew Soper-Lawler and William Nieuwenhuise grabbing tries to set up a 12-0 lead. They went to the break with an 18-4 lead. Maitland went even further in front when play resumed after Chad O'Donnell dummied from a scrum move before slicing through the defence to grab a try from 40m out. The Pickers closed the game out with a penalty goal to become the first team in the competition's history to collect a fourth consecutive premiership.

Maitland Pickers 30 (James Bradley, Luke Knight, William Nieuwenhuise, Matthew Soper-Lawler, Chad O'Donnell tries; O'Donnell 5 goals) **Cessnock Goannas 8** (Joe Woodbury 2 tries) at McDonald Jones Stadium on Sunday 21 September.

Standings: Maitland Pickers 29, Cessnock Goannas 26, Wyong Roos 25, Western Suburbs Rosellas 24, The Entrance Tigers 24, Central Newcastle Butcher Boys 22, Kurri Kurri Bulldogs 22, South Newcastle Lions 18, Macquarie Scorpions 14, Lake United Seagulls 12, Northern Hawks 4.

Illawarra Rugby League Harrigan Cup

The Harrigan Cup featured six teams – Collegians Collie Dogs, Corrimal Cougars, Dapto Canaries, De La Salle, Thirroul Butchers and Western Suburbs Devils. The competition was played over 15 rounds followed by a top five finals series.

Collegians Collie Dogs were the clear standout during the regular season after finishing on top of the table with 26 points – their closest competitor was Western Suburbs Devils on 18 points. The top five was rounded out by Dapto Canaries (3), De La Salle (4) and Corrimal Cougars (5).

The Devils pipped the Canaries 24-22 in the Qualifying Final while De La Salle ended the season of the Cougars in the Elimination Final with a 34-22 win. The Devils maintained their form with a convincing 32-0 win over the Collie Dogs in the Major Semi-final, while the Canaries also looked strong after ending the season of De La Salle with a 44-10 win in the Minor Semi-final. The Collie Dogs bounced back in the Preliminary Final to down the Canaries 40-10 and book their place in the decider.

The Grand Final between the Devils and the Collie Dogs was played at WIN Stadium on Saturday 13 September. After a tight start to the match, the Devils finally broke the deadlock midway through the first half when halfback Dane Chisholm got a kick away for hooker Joseph Dickson to score. They extended their lead to 8-0 just before half-time. The second half was another arm wrestle with the Collie Dogs finally getting on the scoreboard with just over 10 minutes to go to reduce the deficit to 8-6. The game headed into extra time after halfback Blair Grant landed a penalty goal just before full-time to level the scores up at 8-all. The Devils scored in the first period of extra time through Chisholm and then their defence stood tall to secure the title.

Western Suburbs Devils 14 (Joseph Dickson, Dane Chisholm tries; Clay Baldock 3 goals) **Collegians Collie Dogs 8** (Nicolas Hall try; Callum Gromek, Blair Grant goals) at WIN Stadium on Saturday 13 September.

Standings: Collegians Collie Dogs 26, Western Suburbs Devils 18, Dapto Canaries 16, De La Salle 12, Corrimal Cougars 10, Thirroul Butchers 8.



Men's Country Championships

The Men's Country Championships featured 10 teams and was split into a Northern Conference featuring the Central Coast Roosters, Newcastle Rebels, North Coast Bulldogs, Northern Rivers Titans and Northern Tigers, and a Southern Conference with the Illawarra South Coast Dragons, Macarthur Wests Tigers, Monaro Colts, Riverina Bulls and Western Rams. The competition was played in a knockout format over four weeks.

Newcastle Rebels took on Northern Rivers Titans in the Grand Final at GIO Stadium, Canberra on Saturday 29 March. The Rebels were aiming for a three-peat after claiming the past two Men's Country Championships and had retained seven players from the team that won in 2024. The Titans scored first through winger Jett Forbes for a 6-0 lead but a mistake invited the Rebels back into the contest and back-rower Liam Wiscombe scored to level the scores at 6-all. The two sides traded tries again with Matthew Soper-Lawler scoring for the Rebels before Titans back-rower Jacob Kernick powered his way through the goal-line defence to score. A penalty goal to the Titans levelled the scores up at 12-all but the Rebels took momentum into the break after hooker Luke Wilkinson dummied his way past the defence for a 16-12 lead.

Soper-Lawler grabbed his second try for the day when play resumed to extend the lead to 22-12 and then Wiscombe pounced on a loose ball to grab his second try to push the Rebels even further in front at 28-12. The Titans turned to the Ziebell brothers, Caleb and Connor, to spark a fightback, and their powerful work up front paved the way for tries to follow to Zacharia Roberts, Forbes and Toby Marks, levelling the scores at 28-all and setting up a grandstand finish. O'Donnell, who would finish the day with a hand in five of his side's six tries, stepped up to launch another bomb again for Soper-Lawler to grab his hat-trick and seal the result. Soper-Lawler was awarded Player of the Match after a flawless performance.

Newcastle Rebels 32 (Matthew Soper-Lawler 3, Liam Wiscombe 2, Liam Wilkinson tries; Chad O'Donnell 4 goals) **Northern Rivers Titans 28** (Jett Forbes 2, Toby Marks, Jacob Kernick, Zacharia Roberts tries; Elliott Speed 4 goals) at GIO Stadium, Canberra, on Saturday 29 March.

Women's Country Championships

The Women's Country Championships featured six teams and was split into a Northern Conference featuring the North Coast Bulldogs, Northern Rivers Titans and Northern Tigers, and a Southern Conference comprising Monaro Colts, Riverina Bulls and Western Rams. There were three rounds in each conference with the top teams from each pool progressing to the final.

Western Rams took on the Northern Rivers Titans in the Grand Final at GIO Stadium, Canberra on Saturday 29 March. The Rams were looking for back-to-back titles and had been a force to be reckoned with after scoring 86 points from their two games while conceding only eight points. They maintained that form in the decider after scoring five tries in the first half to take a commanding 24-0 lead into half-time. The scoreline blew out to 36-0 in the second half before the Titans finally grabbed a try through prop Taharni Roberts, who dragged several Rams defenders with her over the line to score and reduce the margin to 36-6. The Rams added two more tries to seal a comprehensive 46-6 win with fullback Tiana Anderson named Player of the Match after a powerful performance that included two tries.

Western Rams 46 (Tiana Anderson 2, Xanthe Booth 2, Grace Blackmore 2, Rebecca Trethowan, Alahna Ryan, Lilly Baker tries; Sarah Colman 5 goals) **Northern Rivers Titans 6** (Taharni Roberts try; Chloe Saddler goal) at GIO Stadium, Canberra, on Saturday 29 March.

Standings – Northern Pool: Northern Rivers Titans 4, North Coast Bulldogs 2, Northern Tigers 0.

Southern Pool: Western Rams 4, Monaro Colts 2, Riverina Bulls 0.



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NSWRL JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVES



The UNE SG Ball Cup (Under 19s Men) featured 16 teams – Balmain Tigers, Canberra Raiders, Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs, Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks, Illawarra Steelers, Manly Warringah Sea Eagles, Melbourne Storm, Newcastle Knights, North Sydney Bears, Parramatta Eels, Penrith Panthers, South Sydney Rabbitohs, St George Dragons, Sydney Roosters, Warriors and Western Suburbs Magpies. The competition was played over nine rounds followed by a top eight finals series.

Parramatta Eels finished the season on top of the ladder after going through the regular season unbeaten with their worst result being a 22-all draw against the Sydney Roosters in Round Two. Their season was built on defence – they had the best record of all 16 teams after conceding only 130 points with the next best team being South Sydney Rabbitohs who leaked 156 points. The Eels (284) also had the third-best attack – bettered only by the Rabbitohs (344) and Canberra Raiders (292). The top eight was rounded out by the Raiders (2), Rabbitohs (3), Roosters (4), Illawarra Steelers (5), Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (6), Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (7) and Melbourne Storm (8).

The opening week of the finals was full of surprise results. In the Qualifying Finals, the Roosters made it through to the Preliminary Finals after upsetting the Eels 32-12 while the Rabbitohs joined them after beating the Raiders 30-28. In the Elimination Finals, the Bulldogs beat the Sharks 38-30 while the Storm upset the Steelers 36-16. The Eels bounced back in the Semi-finals to beat the Storm 24-12 while the Raiders ended the Bulldogs season 38-22.

Parramatta tuned up for the decider with a convincing 34-4 win over Souths in the Preliminary Final. The Eels were always in control of the match after taking a 22-4 lead into half-time with winger Dom Farrugia bagging a double. The Roosters took care of the Raiders in the other Preliminary Final 28-16 with halfback Toby Rodwell, the son of former Steelers and Rabbitohs centre Brett Rodwell, also grabbing two tries.

The Grand Final between the Eels and the Roosters was played at Leichhardt Oval on Saturday 3 May. The Eels surged to a 12-0 lead following tries to back-rower Christopher Petrus and halfback Lincoln Fletcher before the Roosters pegged one back through James Finegan. The two sides traded tries again with the Eels taking a 16-12 lead into half-time.

The Roosters started the second half strongly with Finegan grabbing his second try before the Eels fought back again to grab one through winger Aidan Kebourian to re-take the lead 20-18. The Eels looked like they had sealed the win when Farrugia scored to extend the lead to 26-18 before Roosters lock Josiah Fesolai crossed to reduce the deficit to 26-22 with 90 seconds remaining. The Roosters declined the shot at goal and managed to score out wide through centre Brooklyn Heath to lock the scores up at 26-22 and leave the Eels a man down for extra time after Fletcher was sin binned for a professional foul. Fesolai scored again and Rodwell, who was named Player of the Match, added a field goal to seal an unlikely win and claim the Roosters' first SG Ball Cup trophy since 2014. There was some consolation for the Eels after five-eighth Lorenzo Talataina was awarded the Player of the Series.

Sydney Roosters 33 (James Finegan 2, Josiah Fesolai 2, EJ Mahu-Delamere, Brooklyn Heath tries; Tyson Walker 4 goals; Toby Rodwell field goal) **Parramatta Eels 26** (Christopher Petrus 2, Lincoln Fletcher, Aidan Kebourian, Dom Farrugia tries; Lincoln Fletcher 3 goals) at Leichhardt Oval on Saturday 3 May.

Standings: Parramatta Eels 17, Canberra Raiders 14, South Sydney Rabbitohs 13, Sydney Roosters 13, Illawarra Steelers 13, Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks 12, Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs 11, Melbourne Storm 10, Balmain Tigers 10, Newcastle Knights 8, Western Suburbs Magpies 8, Penrith Panthers 5, Warriors 3, St George Dragons 3, Manly Warringah Sea Eagles 2, North Sydney Bears 2.



The Westpac Tarsha Gale Cup (Under 19s Women) featured 13 teams – Canberra Raiders, Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs, Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks, Illawarra Steelers, Manly Warringah Sea Eagles, Newcastle Knights, North Sydney Bears, Parramatta Eels, Penrith Panthers, South Sydney Rabbitohs, Sydney Roosters Indigenous Academy, St George Dragons and Wests Tigers. The competition was played over nine rounds followed by a top eight finals series.

Illawarra Steelers finished on top of the table and had only one loss – against Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs in Round Three – during the regular season. The Steelers were chasing back-to-back titles and had a strong line-up with Bronte Wilson, Tori Shipton, Siulolo Richter and Tahlia O'Brien all going on to represent in the NSW Under 19s Women's team in June. The top eight was rounded out by the Bulldogs (2), Wests Tigers (3), Penrith Panthers (4), Parramatta Eels (5), Newcastle Knights (6), Sydney Roosters Indigenous Academy (7) and Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks.

The Steelers proved they would be hard to beat after making short work of the Panthers 32-4 in their Qualifying Final, while the Bulldogs joined them in the Preliminary Finals after squeezing past the Tigers 10-8. In the Elimination Finals, the Roosters got home against the Knights 26-24 on the back of a penalty goal from Logan Fletcher, while the Eels were too strong for the Sharks in their 32-12 win. The Eels maintained their momentum after beating the Panthers 28-14 in their Semi-final, while the Roosters ended the season of the Tigers 22-16.

The Preliminary Final between the Eels and the Bulldogs was a hard-fought affair before prop Tess McWilliams scored a try with less than four minutes remaining to seal an 18-8 win for Parramatta. The Steelers' hopes of defending their title came to an end against the Roosters who powered away to a 30-14 win after the two sides had been locked up at 4-all at half-time.

The Grand Final between the Roosters and the Eels was played at Leichhardt Oval on Saturday 3 May. The two sides had not met each other during the regular season but were both bringing plenty of momentum into the decider after making it from outside the top four. The Roosters, who were coached by True Blues Keeley Davis and Corban Baxter, took an early 16-0 lead following tries to Te Raukura Leafe, Mahlie Cashin and Aliyah Nasio. McWilliams changed the momentum of the first half after crashing her way over the line twice in the space of four minutes to reduce the margin to 16-12 at half-time.

The Eels took a slender 18-16 lead after prop Taylah Falaniko barged her way over for a try before halfback Aaliyah Soufan scored and Alleya Scrivens converted to give the Eels some breathing space at 24-16. Back-rower Fontayne Tufuga sealed the 28-16 win and the club's first Tarsha Gale Cup title when she made an 80m break, swerving her way around the defence to score a memorable try. McWilliams was named Player of the Match for her barnstorming performance while Eels lock Ryvrr-Lee Alo was awarded Player of the Series.

Parramatta Eels 28 (Tess McWilliams 2, Taylah Falaniko, Aaliyah Soufan, Fontayne Tufuga tries; Alleya Scrivens 4 goals) **Sydney Roosters Indigenous Academy 16** (Te Raukura Leafe, Mahlie Cashin, Aliyah Nasio tries; Logan Fletcher 2 goals) at Leichhardt Oval on Saturday 3 May.

Standings: Illawarra Steelers 16, Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs 15, Wests Tigers 14, Penrith Panthers 14, Parramatta Eels 12, Newcastle Knights 12, Sydney Roosters Indigenous Academy 10, Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks 10, Canberra Raiders 10, St George Dragons 5, South Sydney Rabbitohs 5, North Sydney Bears 4, Manly Warringah Sea Eagles 3.



SLE LAURIE DALEY CUP

The SLE Laurie Daley Cup (Under 18s Boys) featured 10 teams from regional NSW and was split into two pools. The Northern Pool involved Central Coast Roosters, Newcastle Maitland Region Knights, North Coast Bulldogs, Northern Rivers Titans and the Northern Tigers, while the Southern Pool featured Illawarra South Coast Dragons, Macarthur Wests Tigers, Monaro Colts, Riverina Bulls and Western Rams. The regular season was played over five rounds with the top two teams from each conference progressing to a top four finals series.

The North Coast Bulldogs finished on top of the table in the Northern Pool after going through the regular season unbeaten. They had the best attack (190) of all teams, averaging 38 points a game. The next best team in terms of attack was Newcastle Maitland Region Knights (136), who averaged 27 points a game and claimed second place in the Northern Pool. The Knights finished on six competition points – the same number as the Northern Rivers Titans and Central Coast Roosters – but finished just ahead on points differential. The Southern Pool was a much closer contest with Illawarra South Coast Dragons and Macarthur Wests Tigers finishing in the top two spots with six points – the Dragons taking top spot with a superior points differential. Monaro Colts finished the season strongly and had the best attack (158) and defence (102) of all teams but only managed two wins to claim third spot on the table.

Despite being the dominant team in the Northern Pool during the season, the Bulldogs' season came to an end when they were beaten 18-12 by Macarthur Wests Tigers in a Semi-final. It was a stark turnaround from the previous week when the Bulldogs had beaten the Tigers 44-6 in the final round of the regular season. The Dragons also proved too strong for the Knights after coming away with a 31-18 win to set up an all-Southern Pool decider.

The Grand Final between the Dragons and the Tigers was played at GIO Stadium on Saturday 29 March. The Dragons shot out to an early 12-0 lead following tries to Archie Wheeler and Kye Lynch before the Tigers pegged one back through Glassie Glassie to reduce the deficit to 12-6. Fullback Jack Talbott landed a field goal just before half-time to extend the Dragons' lead to 13-6.

The Dragons looked like they would go on with it when play resumed after Talbott scored but two quick tries to the Tigers through Glassie and winger Aidan Richards had them right back in the match at 17-16. Talbott got involved again after slipping a pass to five-eighth Beau Baldock, who toed the ball ahead and regathered to score, before Wheeler sealed the 27-16 win after scoring following a long-range intercept by Aidan Turner. Talbott, who scored a try, had a hand in another, landed three conversions as well as a field goal, was awarded the John 'Choc' Anderson Medal for Player of the Match.

Illawarra South Coast Dragons 27 (Archie Wheeler 2, Kye Lynch, Jack Talbott, Beau Baldock tries; Jack Talbott 3 goals; Talbott field goal) **Macarthur Wests Tigers 16** (Glassie Glassie 2, Aidan Richards tries; Aidan Richards 2 goals) at GIO Stadium, Canberra, on Saturday 29 March.

Standings – Northern Pool: North Coast Bulldogs 10, Newcastle Maitland Region Knights 6, Northern Rivers Titans 6, Central Coast Roosters 6, Northern Tigers 2.

Southern Pool: Illawarra South Coast Dragons 6, Macarthur Wests Tigers 6, Monaro Colts 4, Western Rams 3, Riverina Bulls 1.



The UNE Harold Matthews Cup (Under 17s Boys) featured 17 teams – Balmain Tigers, Canberra Raiders, Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs, Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks, Central Coast Roosters, Illawarra Steelers, Manly Warringah Sea Eagles, Melbourne Storm, Newcastle Knights, North Sydney Bears, Parramatta Eels, Penrith Panthers, South Sydney Rabbitohs, St George Dragons, Sydney Roosters, Warriors and Western Suburbs Magpies. The competition was played over nine rounds followed by a top eight finals series.

The Steelers finished on top of the table and had the best defence of any team after conceding only 100 points across the season. They managed to win all but one of their games – a 12-0 loss against the Sydney Roosters in Round Eight. The Roosters finished second and had the best attack (200) of all teams with the top eight rounded out by the Warriors (3), Newcastle Knights (4), Central Coast Roosters (5), Manly Warringah Sea Eagles (6), South Sydney Rabbitohs (7) and Parramatta Eels (8).

The Warriors, who became the first club in history in 2024 to claim the Harold Matthews Cup trophy in their inaugural year, showed they might be on track for a repeat after beating the Sydney Roosters 20-4 in the Qualifying Final. The Knights also moved straight through to the Preliminary Finals after upsetting the Steelers 28-10 in the other Qualifying Final. In the Elimination Finals, the Rabbitohs held on for an 18-14 win over the Sea Eagles while the Central Coast Roosters edged out the Eels 22-18.

The Rabbitohs maintained their form in the Semi-finals after knocking out the Steelers 18-14, while an inter-club rivalry showdown saw the Central Coast Roosters end the season of the Sydney Roosters 36-30.

The Warriors brought the Rabbitohs' fairy-tale finals charge to an end after a decisive 28-8 win in the Preliminary Final with fullback Jeremiah Lemana grabbing a hat-trick. The Knights also ended the season of the Roosters 26-20 with back-rower Curtis Mulherin scoring a try four minutes before full-time to seal the result.

The Grand Final between the Warriors and the Knights was played at Leichhardt Oval on Saturday 3 May. The Warriors were aiming to become the first club in 12 years to claim back-to-back titles in the Harold Matthews Cup while the Knights were looking for their first title since 2019. The Knights got off to a flying start following tries to five-eighth Cooper Votano and prop Ashton Allen for a 12-0 lead before Warriors back-rower Bishop Neal turned the match on its head. Having already come up with a try-saving tackle on his own line to deny the Knights, Neal scored twice within five minutes to lock the scores at 12-all at half-time.

The Knights got on the board first in the second half through back-rower Mulherin to re-take the lead 16-12 before the Warriors took charge. First Hinckley Ioka scored to put his team back in front 18-12 before tries followed to Krushil Koteka and Lucian Mikaele to seal a memorable 30-16 win. Neal was named Player of the Match after a barnstorming performance that helped swing the match back in favour of his team while Central Coast Roosters halfback Carter Mareko was awarded Player of the Series.

Warriors 30 (Bishop Neal 2, Hinckley Ioka, Krushil Koteka, Lucian Mikaele tries; Alapati Tusa Soagia 5 goals) **Newcastle Knights 16** (Cooper Votano, Ashton Allen, Curtis Mulherin tries; Chase Butler 2 goals) at Leichhardt Oval on Saturday 3 May.

Standings: Illawarra Steelers 16, Sydney Roosters 14, Warriors 14, Newcastle Knights 14, Central Coast Roosters 12, Manly Warringah Sea Eagles 12, South Sydney Rabbitohs 12, Parramatta Eels 12, Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks 10, Canberra Raiders 10, Western Suburbs Magpies 8, North Sydney Bears 8, Penrith Panthers 7, Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs 6, St George Dragons 6, Balmain Tigers 6, Melbourne Storm 3.



WESTPAC LISA FIAOLA CUP

The Westpac Lisa Fiaola Cup (Under 17s Girls) entered its second season in 2025 and featured 19 teams spread across metropolitan Sydney and regional NSW. The competition provides a pathway for female Rugby League players and plays a significant role in their development.

Westpac Lisa Fiaola Cup (Regional)

The regional competition featured six teams divided into a Northern and Southern Pool. The Northern Pool involved the North Coast Bulldogs, Northern Tigers and Northern Rivers Titans while the Southern Pool included the Monaro Colts, Riverina Bulls and Western Rams. There were four rounds of competition between the teams in each pool, with the top two teams progressing to the Grand Final. The North Coast Bulldogs finished on top of the table with the best attack (122) and defence (36) of all teams in the competition. The Western Rams were not far behind them in terms of points for (116) and against (40). The Northern Tigers and Northern Rivers Titans rounded out the top four.

The Rams had gone through four rounds unbeaten and boasted the leading try-scorer (7) and point-scorer (56) in centre Sienna Sullivan but were unable to match the enthusiasm of the Tigers in the first Semi-final at Baddeley Park at Cessnock Sports Ground. The Tigers ran away with the game in the second half for a 28-12 win to end the season of last year's premiers.

In the other Semi-final, the North Coast Bulldogs had to dig deep to maintain their unbeaten run for the season against a spirited Northern Rivers Titans, rallying in rainy conditions at Port Macquarie Regional Stadium to score two late tries and seal a 12-8 win.

The Grand Final between the Bulldogs and the Tigers was played at GIO Stadium in Canberra on Saturday 29 March. It was back-to-back Grand Finals for the Tigers after they made the decider against the Western Rams in 2024 only to go down 22-8. The Bulldogs took an 8-0 lead into half-time and then turned on a clinical display in the second half after scoring five unanswered tries to set up a 32-0 lead. Bulldogs fullback Milla Swain was named Player of the Match after two try assists and playing a central role in attack in the 32-4 win.

North Coast Bulldogs 32 (Keira Donovan 2, Arlia Morris 2, Belle Cockeram, Darcie Gleeson, Poppi Flanders tries; Milla Swain, Lily Moseley goals)
Northern Tigers 4 (Mia Cloake try) at GIO Stadium, Canberra, on Saturday 29 March.

Standings – Northern Pool: North Coast Bulldogs 8, Northern Tigers 4, Northern Rivers Titans 2.
Southern Pool: Western Rams 8, Riverina Bulls 2, Monaro Colts 0.

Westpac Lisa Fiaola Cup (Metropolitan)

The metropolitan Sydney competition featured 13 teams – Canberra Raiders, Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs, Central Coast Roosters, Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks, Illawarra Steelers, Manly Warringah Sea Eagles, Newcastle Knights, North Sydney Bears, Parramatta Eels, Penrith Panthers, St George Dragons, South Sydney Rabbitohs and Wests Tigers. The competition was played over nine rounds followed by a top eight finals series.

Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs, who won the competition in its inaugural year in 2024, looked on track for a repeat after finishing the regular season on top of the table. They were unbeaten during the season and had the best attack (401) of all teams in the competition. The top eight was rounded out by the Central Coast Roosters (2), Parramatta Eels (3), Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (4), Wests Tigers (5), Penrith Panthers (6), Newcastle Knights (7) and Canberra Raiders (8).

The opening week of the finals saw the Bulldogs beat the Sharks 58-10 and the Roosters downed the Eels 24-14 to move straight to the Preliminary Finals. In the Elimination Finals, the Tigers beat the Raiders 32-6 while the Panthers ended the Knights' season 22-16. The Eels regrouped to beat the Panthers 26-12 in a Semi-final while the Tigers became the only team from outside the top four to progress after beating the Sharks 24-18 in the other Semi-final.

The Preliminary Final between the Bulldogs and the Eels was a gripping battle with the sides level at 20-all late in the second half, before a Parramatta penalty goal in the final minutes sealed a 22-20 win. The Tigers fought back in the other Preliminary Final against the Central Coast Roosters from a 12-4 half-time deficit to level the scores 16-all, but the Roosters broke the deadlock with less than four minutes to go to snatch a 22-16 victory.

The Grand Final between the Roosters and the Eels was played at Leichhardt Oval on Saturday 3 May. The opening half belonged to the Eels, scoring three tries to race away to an 18-0 lead at half-time. The Roosters scored back-to-back tries when play resumed to give themselves some hope at 18-10 but the Eels scored again and added a penalty goal for a 26-10 win. It was the first Lisa Fiaola Cup for the Eels with fullback Irae Savea named Player of the Match while Roosters five-eighth Mia Vaotuua was awarded Player of the Series.

Parramatta Eels 26 (Temieke Withers, Georgia Wansey, Freedom Crichton Ropati, Isabella Bell tries; Bailey Ma-Chong 5 goals) **Central Coast Roosters 10** (Pesalili-Star Combo, Ayva Papalii tries; Anastasia Leatupue goal) at Leichhardt Oval on Saturday 3 May.

Standings: Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs 17, Central Coast Roosters 16, Parramatta Eels 14, Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks 14, Wests Tigers 12, Penrith Panthers 12, Newcastle Knights 12, Canberra Raiders 10, Illawarra Steelers 8, North Sydney Bears 6, St George Dragons 5, Manly Warringah Sea Eagles 2, South Sydney Rabbitohs 2.



The SLE Andrew Johns Cup (Under 16s Boys) featured 10 teams from regional NSW and was split into two pools. The Northern Pool included the Central Coast Roosters, Newcastle Maitland Region Knights, North Coast Bulldogs, Northern Rivers Titans and the Northern Tigers, while the Southern Pool featured Illawarra South Coast Dragons, Macarthur Wests Tigers, Monaro Colts, Riverina Bulls and Western Rams. The regular season was played over five rounds followed with the top two teams from each conference progressing to a top four finals series.

The Newcastle Maitland Region Knights finished on top of the Northern Pool and dropped only one of their five games all season – in a crossover game against the Illawarra South Coast Dragons, who remained unbeaten in the Southern Pool. The Northern Rivers Titans grabbed second spot in the Northern Pool while Macarthur Wests Tigers finished second in the Southern Pool with their only loss also coming against the Dragons.

The Knights, who were chasing their first premiership in the SLE Andrew Johns Cup, got off to a flying start in their crossover Semi-final against Macarthur Wests Tigers after surging to a 16-0 lead at half-time. They extended their lead to 22-6 after the break and while the Tigers rallied with a late flurry of tries the Knights had done enough to hang on for a 22-18 win. In the other crossover Semi-final, the Northern Rivers Titans scored a try through prop Nixon O'Connor within the final two minutes to snatch a 20-14 victory against the highly fancied Dragons and give themselves a chance to win their first title since 2022.

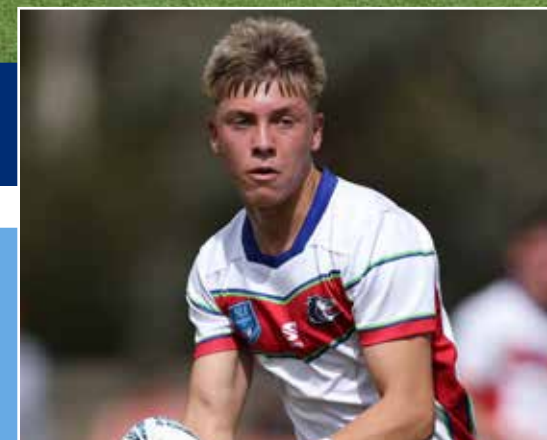
The Grand Final between the Knights and the Titans was played at GIO Stadium in Canberra on Saturday 29 March. Points were hard to come by for both teams due to the wet conditions but the Knights were the first to break the deadlock through centre Tyler Donaldson for a 4-0 lead. The Titans hit back through winger Jay Walpole with centre Parker Kemister landing the sideline conversion to put his team in front 6-4. The Knights regrouped and took the advantage into half-time when five-eighth Morgan Carter sent fullback Rico Elers over the line for an 8-6 lead.

The Knights went further in front when play resumed after halfback Ty Ennis launched a kick across field for winger Chayce Afa to pluck out of the air and score. Walpole scored his second try to reduce the margin to 14-10 and while the Titans had their chances, the Knights defence held firm to hand the club its first title. Ennis was awarded the Robert 'Bert' Lowrie Medal for Player of the Match.

Newcastle Maitland Region Knights 14 (Tyler Donaldson, Chayce Afa, Rico Elers tries; Ty Ennis goal) **Northern Rivers Titans 10** (Jay Walpole 2 tries; Parker Kemister goal) at GIO Stadium, Canberra, on Saturday 29 March.

Standings – Northern Pool: Newcastle Maitland Region Knights 8, Northern Rivers Titans 6, Central Coast Roosters 6, Northern Tigers 5, North Coast Bulldogs 1.

Southern Pool: Illawarra South Coast Dragons 10, Macarthur Wests Tigers 8, Monaro Colts 4, Western Rams 2, Riverina Bulls 0.



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NSWRL COMMUNITY



NSWRL Infrastructure Investment Fund

The NSWRL announced the first successful applicants and projects as part of the first stage of its Infrastructure Investment Fund in November after the NSWRL board approved \$1.38 million in funding for 12 projects from clubs and councils around NSW to assist with amenities, lighting, drainage and irrigation. The landmark announcement was made at the annual NSWRL Community Rugby League Conference in Sydney, with the funds helping with crucial infrastructure projects valued at \$8.6 million to improve and upgrade facilities and ensure a better experience for all Rugby League participants. It marks a significant milestone in the organisation's commitment to the grassroots level of Rugby League.

Participation

The NSWRL broke records for participation for the third consecutive season with the total number of registered players rising by more than four per cent to top 122,000. The number of male participants surpassed 89,000 for the first time, while the female game continued its upwards trajectory after recording a growth of more than 11 per cent to break the 30,000 barrier for the first time in the game's history. The total number of participants for the 2025 season was 122,430 (up 4.1 per cent from 117,557 in 2024), male participants reached 89,124 (up 1.7 per cent from 87,592 in 2024), while female participants finished at 33,306 (up 11 per cent from 29,965 in 2024). Female participation now accounts for 27 per cent of total participants.

Community Football Conference

The annual NSWRL Community Conference was held at Sydney Olympic Park in November and was attended by 140 NSWRL and club officials. The theme of the conference was 'Shaping the Future of Rugby League' with high-performing clubs providing insights into their success and expert presenters updating on initiatives in areas including sponsorship and fundraising, digital technology, child safety, E-Safety, concussion, and insurance. A presentation was made to the clubs in attendance that had been approved for the NSWRL Infrastructure Investment Fund.

Mid-North Coast Flood Recovery Fund

The NSWRL joined forces with the NSW Government and major partner Westpac to deliver \$120,000 in funding to assist mid-north coast communities that were affected by severe flooding in May 2025. The NSWRL and Westpac both contributed \$30,000 in funding with the NSW Government matching both donations and providing \$60,000. The funding has gone to clubs in Taree, Smithtown and Port Macquarie and has been used to replace damaged equipment, apparel and key canteen appliances, including footballs, tackling pads, line markers, fridges, and apparel.

Harmony 9s

The annual Harmony 9s tournament was held across two days at the Central Coast Regional Sporting and Recreation Complex in October and featured 90 teams and more than 1300 players from 20 heritage clubs, including Peru for the first time. The event, run by the NSWRL in conjunction with Heritage Rugby League, showcased more than 120 games including Under 16s and Under 18s Boys and Girls, Open Age Men's and Women's, Emerging Nations Open Men and Open Women, and a Physical Disability showcase.

RISE Program

The RISE program enjoyed a record season with numbers increasing by more than 45 per cent this year to 2600 participants (up from 1787 in 2024 and 1279 in 2023). The program, which is run by former Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs premiership-winner Adam Perry, started in NSW in 2022 and provides aspirational Junior Rugby League players and coaches with an avenue to obtain specialised training and education in areas on and off the field. Gala days were held in areas including Raymond Terrace, Coffs Harbour, Narooma, Muswellbrook, Albion Park, Junee and Campbelltown.

#RESPECT Round

The 2025 #RESPECT Round kicked off a month-long campaign in April to encourage more than 700 clubs across the state to build a positive and healthy culture. The St George-based Arncliffe Scots Junior Rugby League Football Club claimed the 2025 Danielle Kifooti #RESPECT Award, followed by Tweed Coast Raiders Junior Rugby League from Group 18 in the Northern Rivers and Mudgee Dragons Junior Rugby League from Group 10 in Western NSW. The winners were determined by the quality of their submission that supported the theme 'Positive Words Have Power' as well as their social media participation to promote #RESPECT Round, now in its ninth season.

Blues Tag Representative Gala Day

The Westpac Blues Tag Representative Gala Day was held at St Marys Leagues Stadium in September with 19 teams competing from across the state in Open Age and Under 16s competitions for female players. Both Central Coast teams claimed victory in the Opens and Under 16s competitions, with the Opens securing a 6-0 win over Group 16, and the Under 16s edging out Group 7 Bulls 8-6. The gala day also featured a NSWRL Outback team and an NRL Western Australia side.

Outback Rugby League Gala Days

The NSWRL staged successful gala days for Outback Rugby League communities in October and November, with a total of more than 150 children from remote areas turning up to participate and have fun after undertaking six-week 'Prepare to Play' programs to learn the skills of the game. The gala days were held at Menindee and Wilcannia in October and Broken Hill in November. True Blue Andrew Ryan, former NRL player Ashton Sims and former Rugby League player Ron Gibbs also took part to support the events.



Regional Roadshow

The 2025 NSWRL Regional Roadshow, which educates teenagers about the importance of road safety, was delivered to more than 1700 participants at 15 areas across NSW in 2025. In partnership with Transport for NSW, the Regional Roadshow is part of The Knock-On Effect campaign which reminds young people that one bad decision behind the wheel can affect an entire community, just as a knock-on in Rugby League can impact the outcome of a game.

The 2025 campaign was divided into four stages starting in February and ending in November and was delivered by True Blues including Tim Brasher, Kylie Hilder, Brett Kimmorley and Andrew Ryan at 15 high schools and seven Junior Rugby League clinics around NSW. It covered 3650km and visited areas including Cowra, Young, Temora, Harden, Tamworth, Uralla, Quirindi, Gunnedah, Forbes, Canowindra, Peak Hill, Bathurst, Coffs Harbour, Grafton and Woolgoolga.

During this year's sessions, students were shown the first episode of Transport for NSW's 2025 'Hits Hard' Campaign. This episode shares the story of Knights junior Elijah Faalua who tragically passed away following a fatal crash in 2021 and features his father Eddie and True Blue Mark O'Meley, who was Elijah's coach at the time. Previous campaigns have featured select players from the Westpac NSW Blues delivering the messages in person or via video about making better choices on the road.

The Regional Roadshow has been delivered in areas including Albury, Bathurst, Mudgee, Oberon, Wauchope, Blayney, Forbes, Leeton, Wagga Wagga, Port Macquarie, Coffs Harbour, Kempsey, Tamworth, Narromine, Griffith, Shellharbour, Maitland, Wyong, Taree, Lismore, Macksville, Queanbeyan, Kurri Kurri, Dubbo, Armidale, Eden, Narooma, Gloucester, Cowra, Young, Temora, Harden, Gunnedah and Sydney.

Changing Rooms

The NSWRL's Changing Rooms program, spearheaded by True Blue and NSWRL Community and Welfare Officer Paul Langmack, enjoyed its biggest season to date with 6,500 recipients and 27 junior Rugby League clubs and 11 schools taking part in 2025. The program, which is delivered with a qualified social worker and focuses on mental fitness, suicide prevention and bullying, was delivered to areas including Tamworth and Moree.

A pilot five-week program for at risk youths, which was developed with Police Youth Command, also kicked off at the NSWRL Centre of Excellence in October. Participants took part in a variety of activities including strength training, mentoring sessions, police talks on organised crime recruitment and cyber safety, a presentation at Polair in Bankstown in Sydney's south-west, a youth regiment session, and meditation and controlled breathing.

The NSWRL's Changing Rooms program started in 2019 and has been delivered to more than 17,500 participants at Junior Rugby League clubs. It has also been delivered to the Royal Australian Navy, First Nations groups, a NSW Parliamentary committee, and a variety of other sporting codes.

Women in Sport Leadership Program

2025 NSWRL Female Community Coach of the Year Carrie Jackson was one of 19 participants to take part in the NSWRL Women in Sport Leadership (WISL) program at Sydney Olympic Park. Now into its fourth year following a successful pilot program in 2021, the 2025 WISL program brought together participants from Rugby League, gymnastics, diving, football, surf lifesaving, water polo, volleyball, athletics and hockey for four two-day workshops held between September and December at the NSWRL Centre of Excellence. This year also saw the launch of the NSWRL Women in Sport Leadership Alumni, with representatives from the 63 graduates attending a breakfast at the NSWRL Centre of Excellence in December.

Successful WISL program graduates include Westpac NSW Blues Women's assistant coach and Nine commentator Ruan Sims, the recently appointed first female chair of the NSW Community Rugby Leagues Association Kristie Laird and NSWRL Match Official Kara-Lee Nolan. The NSWRL Women in Sport Leadership program is aimed at upskilling women in coaching, administration and management roles. Graduates receive nationally-recognised credits towards a Diploma or Certificate IV in Leadership and Management with the program helping women achieve leadership positions in elite sporting organisations.



First Nations Participation

NSWRL officials donned a specially-designed, First Nations-themed jersey for the second consecutive season for First Nations Round in July to acknowledge the 31,000 First Nations people involved with Rugby League in NSW as players, coaches, trainers, referees or volunteers. The NSWRL's First Nations Round coincided with the annual NAIDOC Week, also held in July, which celebrates and recognises the history, culture and achievements of First Nations people. NSWRL match officials wore the specially-designed jerseys in all NSWRL Major Competitions for First Nations Round including The Knock-On Effect NSW Cup, Harvey Norman NSW Women's Premiership, Jersey Flegg Cup, Leagues Clubs Australia Ron Massey Cup and Sydney Shield. It was designed by NSWRL Community Football Referees Development Officer and former NRL referee Gavin Badger, based on the artwork of First Nations artist Daren Dunn, and was slightly different to the 2024 jersey.

The PCYC Nations of Origin Rugby League tournament was held in western Sydney in July with 21 First Nations represented in the Under 16 boys and girls teams. The tournament was the brainchild of respected NSWRL official, the late Steve 'Bear' Hall, and emerged after state-wide community consultations held during Reconciliation Week in 2012.

The event has grown since then to encompass other sports including basketball, netball and gymnastics, with more than 1000 young people, 188 teams and 24 First Nations communities taking part. The Rugby League event was held at Whalan Reserve with teams consisting of a 70-30 split of First Nations and non-First Nations youth which are endorsed by local Elders. To take part in the event, young people must maintain a school attendance rate of more than 80 per cent and have no negative interactions with police.

The NSWRL welcomed 40 First Nations teenagers from around the state to the NSWRL Centre of Excellence for a three-day Talented Aboriginal Athlete Program (TAAP) camp in December 2024. The camp included 33 teenagers from outside the Sydney metropolitan area, as far south as Wagga Wagga, north to Ballina, and past Dubbo in the far west. They were joined by 10 First Nations officials for a referees program, with five female officials also taking part. The TAAP camp participants were identified from the Koori Knockout, club Rugby League and schoolboy Rugby League. The camp addressed topics, including culture, values and mental fitness, with a NSW Under 16s Koori team later selected for a tour of New Zealand with matches against a Māori Under 16s and Auckland Development Under 16s.

Other partnerships and initiatives to acknowledge the bond between the NSWRL and the First Nations community included the KARI Foundation, the Deadly Choices campaign to promote healthy living choices for First Nations people, Clontarf Academy and Outback Rugby League.

Pride in Sport Recognition

The NSW Rugby League continued to cement its reputation as an inclusive sport after being awarded Gold Tier Status at the annual Pride in Sport Awards in Melbourne in April. It is the second time in as many years the NSWRL has received national recognition for being inclusive after it was awarded Bronze Tier Status in April 2024. The NSWRL presented a PSI Advanced Submission as part of the process.

The NSWRL's Inclusion Framework was endorsed by the NSWRL Board in 2023 and recognised in the 2024-26 New State Strategic Plan. After being awarded Bronze Status in 2024 (for 2023 activities), the NSWRL set a Silver ranking for its next target, (assessed on activities from January to December). The highlights included NSWRL securing grant funding from the Pride in Sport Festival to facilitate an in-person workshop for statewide Inclusion Champions; 100 per cent of NSWRL staff surveyed identifying as an ally to the LGBTQ+ community in the annual Pride in Sport Index; six NSWRL staff successfully completing the Empowering Allies workshop and agreeing to be Active Allies; and NSWRL representatives undertaking a range of education activities and workshops including LGBTQ+ Awareness, Empowering Allies in Sport, Inclusive Coaching and LGBTQ+ Awareness for MPIO/Integrity Staff.



The annual NSWRL Community Awards acknowledge the important contribution made to the game every season by volunteers across the state. This year more than 34,000 people gave up their time as volunteers, officials, coaches and/or referees to help contribute to a record season for participation growth in NSW. There were 20 award winners selected for recognition.

2025 NSWRL COMMUNITY AWARD WINNERS

NSWRL Gordon Lowrie Community Volunteer of the Year – Dean Bliss (Northern, Dungowan Cowboys RLFC)

Dean has had a significant impact on Rugby League within Group 4 and Dungowan JRL. He is the Group 4 JRL President, a trainer for Dungowan JRL, a Northern Region board member and a referee when required. He has previously held roles as President for Tamworth District Minor League and Dungowan JRL, with the latter growing from 152 participants in 2022 to 289 today. He created initiatives to ensure games went ahead, built up the volunteer base and facilitated the return of the Under 16s team to the Group 4 competition for the first time since 2021.

Dean was chosen from the 12 **NSWRL Volunteer of the Year Regional Winners**, who included: Deborah Kennedy (Broken Bay, Belrose Eagles), Mark Weller (Central Sydney, Moorebank Rams), Adam McMurray (East Coast, Kempsey Dragons JRL), Amanda Gadd (Macarthur, The Oaks Tigers JRLFC), Geoff Patterson (Monaro, Tuggeranong Buffaloes), Kristy Brooks (Newcastle and Maitland, Cessnock Minor Rugby League), Mark Daly (Riverina, Albury Thunder RLFC), Ronny Prior (South Coast, Jamberoo Superoos), Glenys Ellis (Southern Sydney, Arncliffe Scots), Nicole Nielsen (Western, Baradine Magpies JRLFC) and Leanne Brindell (Western Sydney, Blacktown City Bears JRLC).

NSWRL Community Club of the Year – Cessnock Minor Rugby League (Newcastle and Maitland Region Knights)

Cessnock Minor Rugby League has been deeply embedded in the community since its inception in 1988. The club celebrated 28 per cent growth in 2025 with nearly 600 players. A key initiative was a mentoring program driven by teenage players. The club hosted an annual Charity Shield event to strengthen community ties, have raised awareness and financial support for a different charity every year, and had been involved in broader community sport, also for charity. They embraced the community through annual volunteer nights to celebrate their contributions, and actively promoted female leadership, refereeing, education, and mental fitness programs.

NSWRL First Nations Volunteer of the Year – Winner Name: Scott Mieni (East Coast)

Scott has been a committee member, coach and mentor in the East Coast Region for more than 30 years and has played a defining role in assisting the First Nations community. He has coached First Nations teams across NSW and helped provide pathways and opportunities for hundreds of players. For the past three years he has led the development of culturally appropriate judiciary panels and has been a pioneering figure in the growth of women's Rugby League within the Mid-North Coast Region.

NSWRL Inclusive Volunteer of the Year – Nicole Daley (Wellington Cowboys SRLFC)

Nicole has held several roles including Registrar at Dubbo Macquarie, and Registrar and Secretary at Wellington Cowboys before taking over as their Club President. She has driven an inclusive Super Tag program with Dubbo Macquarie while continuing to volunteer at the Cowboys.

NSWRL Community Coach of the Year (Female) – Carrie Mitchell (nee Jackson) (Queanbeyan Roos Juniors and Belconnen Sharks Juniors)

Carrie, affectionately known as 'Jacko', dedicates her year to ensuring girls can play Rugby League at the highest level they aspire to. She coaches the junior sides for both the Queanbeyan Roos and Belconnen Sharks, the Canberra region RISE Academy, the ACT Under 15s schoolgirls, and the Monaro Colts in the Westpac Lisa Fiala Cup (Under 17s).

NSWRL Community Coach of the Year (Male) – Jayden Grocott (Gungahlin Bulls)

Jayden began his coaching journey as a teenager while still playing in the local competition. He started coaching the Gungahlin Bulls Under 7s and has dedicated the past 11 years to that team who are now in their final season of junior Rugby League.

NSWRL Young Person of the Year – Roy Smith (Tumbarumba Batlow Minor League)

Roy, 20, is a player, coach and referee who has been assisting the Junior Club set up, operate and pack up their home games since he was 14. Due to the size of his local community, he travels three hours a night to train with his team and still manages on alternate nights to coach younger players. He also referees on a Saturday before returning to play on Sunday.

NSWRL Denis Braybrook Community Official of the Year – Jarrad Borg (Group 7 Referees Association)

Jarrad began his career as a match official at age 13 and this award capped a successful year in which the Group 7 Referees Association President also became the youngest Life Member in the history of the Group 7 Association. His involvement has led to one of the most successful eras for the organisation with the numbers of members increasing from 80 in 2022 to 175 in 2025.



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NSWRL EVENTS



True Blues Ben Elias, Andrew Ettingshausen and Paul Gallen were inducted into the NSWRL The Star Hall of Fame in front of almost 450 guests at The Star Event Centre in Pyrmont in May.

The glittering event was attended by Westpac NSW Blues coach Laurie Daley and the Westpac NSW Blues, Westpac NSW Blues Women's coach John Strange and Westpac NSW Blues Women, NSWRL Chair Carolyn Campbell, NSWRL Chief Executive David Trodden, the NSWRL Board, and a host of True Blue players.

The night also included a pre-event function for the Westpac NSW Blues to catch up with former players about their memories of playing for NSW. It featured interviews with Westpac NSW Blues assistant coach Matt King and True Blues Craig Wing and Anthony Minichiello about playing in the winning team from the 2005 State of Origin series.

Ben was a creative and brilliant hooker who changed the notion of the No.9 role in the 1980s. He played 19 Origin games for NSW and was a key performer in the Blues' maiden series success in 1985, one of five series victories he featured in over the course of a decade.

Andrew was one of the game's most prolific try-scoring centres, crossing the line 166 times across 18 seasons for the Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks. He became a fixture in representative line-ups for NSW and Australia, making 27 Origin appearances for the Blues and featuring in five series victories.

Paul won respect for his fearless style as an enforcer of the Blues pack in a State of Origin career that spanned 24 games across 11 seasons. He collected the Brad Fittler Medal for the Blues Player of the Series in 2011 and won the Wally Lewis Medal as Player of the Series in 2014 after helping end Queensland's eight-year winning streak.

The NSWRL The Star Hall of Fame now features 34 players, including the 11 Immortals and 23 other players who have represented their state with distinction.



Westpac NSW Blues winger Brian To'o claimed his second Brad Fittler Medal while Westpac NSW Blues Women's back-rower Olivia Kernick continued her outstanding form to win her first Origin Player of the Series Award at the 2025 Brad Fittler Medal in Sydney.

Brian, who claimed his first Brad Fittler Medal in 2023, was presented his medal by True Blue Brad Fittler in front of more than 500 guests in a glittering ceremony at The Star Event Centre, with 21 awards handed out across NSWRL Representative, Major and Junior Representatives Competitions, as well as community.

Also in attendance were The Hon. Steve Kamper, MP, Minister for Sport and The Hon. Eleni Petinos MP, Shadow Minister for Sport, NSWRL Chair Carolyn Campbell and the NSWRL Board, NSWRL Chief Executive David Trodden, Westpac NSW Blues coach Laurie Daley, Westpac NSW Blues Women's coach John Strange, NSW Blues and NSW Blues Women's players, and club representatives and players. The Brad Fittler Medal and NSW Blues Women's Origin Player of the Series are presented to the best players respectively from the Westpac NSW Blues (voted by players) and Westpac NSW Blues Women (voted by coaching staff).

Brian had an outstanding series for the Blues after scoring five tries across three games to move to equal first on the all-time try-scorers list, as well as making seven tackle busts, five line breaks and an average of 241 run metres a game. He also claimed The Daily Telegraph People's Choice Award where he received more than 50 per cent of the votes from fans.

Prop Payne Haas collected his first True Blue Award, which is determined by the coaching staff, and goes to the player that best displays the values on which the team culture is built.

Olivia had an impressive 12 months after winning the NRLW Dally M Medal for Player of the Year in 2024, and the Nellie Doherty Medal this year for Player of the Series in the Women's State of Origin series. She was in devastating form for the Blues in the 2-1 series win after scoring two tries, making two line breaks, a line break assist and averaging 148 run metres a game. Olivia was also a popular choice among fans, also claiming The Daily Telegraph People's Choice Award.

Fullback Abbi Church capped off a solid Origin debut series after taking out the NSW Blues Women's Award (the equivalent of the men's True Blue Award).

St George Illawarra Dragons back-rower Jacob Halangahu was named the NSW Under 19s Men's Player of the Year, while Parramatta Eels prop Tess McWilliams was named the NSW Under 19s Women's Player of the Year.

Warriors captain and lock Kalani Going was named The Knock-On Effect NSW Cup Player of the Year after a stellar season for Auckland-based club. He helped steer the club to the Minor Premiership and crossed the line for eight tries.

Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks captain and centre Monique Donovan was named Harvey Norman NSW Women's Premiership Player of the Year, with the club rallying from finishing in last place in 2024 to be second on the table with two rounds remaining.

The Gordon Lowrie Memorial Community Volunteer of the Year Award winner was also announced with Dean Bliss from Dungowan Rugby League Football Club accepting the honour. Dean was chosen from 12 regional winners and has had a significant impact on Rugby League within Group 4 and Dungowan JRL.

The Brad Fittler Medal night recognises and celebrates the achievements of players across all NSWRL teams and competitions, from Origin to seniors, juniors and women, as well as the contributions of match officials, club administrators and volunteers.

Other NSWRL Major Competition Player of the Year winners included Preston Conn (Melbourne Storm, Jersey Flegg Cup), Joseph Nohra (Wentworthville Magpies) and Taniela Lasalo (Hills Bulls, joint winners of the Leagues Clubs Australia Ron Massey Cup), Tallis Brown (Moorebank Rams, Sydney Shield), Jacob Kernick (Northern Rivers Titans, Men's Country Championships) and Tiana Anderson (Western Rams, Women's Country Championships).

The NSWRL Junior Representatives Player of the Year winners included Toby Batten (North Coast Bulldogs, Tom Nelson Medal for SLE Laurie Daley Cup) and Mason Bartlett (Newcastle Maitland Region Knights, Ron Lanesbury Medal for SLE Andrew Johns Cup). The NSWRL Community Award winners included Dillan Wells (Grade Referee of the Year), Junior Representatives Referee of the Year (Salvatore Marigiliano) and Phil Driscoll (St George Illawarra Dragons, Ray Stellar Club Person of the Year).





VALES



Jim Cox OAM

Originally from the small town of Barraba, west of Armidale, Jim Cox OAM moved south to Tamworth and played for Tamworth City.

In the late 1970s he coached numerous Northern Division junior sides winning NSW Country Championships, including in 1979 where he coached Northern Division Under 18s to the Country title and then coached NSW Country against NSW City. Jim also coached the Northern Division senior team, which in 1982 upset the touring New Zealand Kiwis 42-6 at Tamworth's Scully Park. He was the manager of the NSW Under 18s with his good friend, the late Paul Broughton, OAM as coach.

A leading light for Tamworth City in Group 4, Northern Division, Jim was awarded Life Membership in 2005 after more than 30 years' service to Country Rugby League. He also served as President of Group 4 and his contribution was recognised with the Group 4 Under 18s playing for the Jim Cox Shield each season. In 2016, Jim received an OAM for services to the sport.

John Dougherty

Born on 18 April 1931 in Newcastle, John Dougherty went to Marist Brothers Hamilton, which also produced Rugby League Immortal Clive Churchill. His Rugby League journey took him to Warren in Group 15 in 1951, after being sent there in line with his role as a teacher, and he steered them to back-to-back premierships in 1951-52. He also represented Riverina and Western Districts which caught the attention of Souths and he was signed to the club in 1953.

A talented five-eighth, John made his First-Grade debut for the Rabbitohs against Newtown in Round Two in 1953 and went on to play in three straight premiership-winning teams from 1953-55, scoring tries in the 1953-54 Grand Finals.

He represented NSW on six occasions in the 1954 and 1956 interstate series, which were both claimed by NSW. He scored a try in Game One of the 1954 series and managed only one more game before being forced to withdraw with a leg injury. John played all four games in the 1956 series, crossing the line for a try in Games One and Three. He was considered unlucky not to represent Australia, with injury costing him a chance in 1956.

After 56 games with the Rabbitohs, John played for St Patrick's Bathurst in Group 10 before finishing his career with Central Charlestown in 1960-61. He attended the 2014 Grand Final with his family to watch the Rabbitohs end a 43-year premiership drought.

Bob Hagan

Bob Hagan, 85, holds a unique place in the history of the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs being the only person to have been a First-Grade player, First-Grade Head Coach and Chief Executive, after he took over that role from Peter 'Bullfrog' Moore in 1996. Bob, the older brother of two-time Bulldogs premiership winner (1985, 1988) Michael Hagan, played 45 games for the Belmore club over three seasons (1967-69).

A sturdy winger-centre Bob also played for NSW in 1967 alongside Ken Irvine, who he had opposed in previous interstate matches while in Queensland colours in the era before State of Origin began (1980). The Blues beat the Maroons 14-8 at the SCG with Bob's captain in that game being Immortal John Raper, while a second Immortal in Reg Gasnier was the coach.

Bob also played two Tests for Australia before retiring. He was Head Coach of the Bulldogs in 1971-72. In 2001 Bob was both a NSWRL and ARL Director.

Angus Miller

A Group 7 Rugby League Life Member, Angus Miller's decorated career spanned 15 seasons starting with his First-Grade debut as a 16-year-old for Berry Magpies in the South Coast Premiership. Angus made his first appearance for NSW against Queensland in 1946 and went on to represent his state on two more occasions in 1948-49.

He was part of three premiership-winning Magpies teams from 1952-54, captaining the '54 side. Angus also represented Combined Country against City eight times and made multiple appearances for Southern Division against a host of international touring teams. Angus became a lifelong friend of many during his career, be it teammates or opponents, and a much-admired figure in the South Coast Rugby League community.

**Jim Cox OAM****John Dougherty****Bob Hagan****Angus Miller**

Bruce Olive

A Wollongong-born prop, Bruce Olive was considered one of the best front-rowers of his generation in the 1960s and a pioneer and inspiration for First Nations players in the years that followed.

Bruce began his playing career with the Casino All Blacks and helped the club to consecutive Group 1 Premierships from 1948 to 1954 in a team which also featured five of his brothers. He played 69 games for the Jets (1964-67), four for NSW Country Firsts (1959-62) and eight for NSW (1958-62). He was considered unlucky not to represent Australia.

Bruce also features in a painting of the Illawarra Team of the Century on display at WIN Stadium, along with Fulton and fellow Immortal Graeme Langlands, the only player who never played for Australia to make the Illawarra Team of the Century.

Dick Poole

Dick Poole was an Australian and First-Grade player and coach in the 1950s and 60s, making his First-Grade debut with the Newtown Jets as an 18-year-old in 1950.

Born Herbert Richard Poole in Surry Hills, he played 115 First-Grade games for Newtown between 1950 and 1958 – his last four as captain-coach – before spending two seasons at Western Suburbs where he played another 31 matches.

Dick played 11 games for NSW between 1954-57 and captained the team in 1956 which won the series against Queensland 3-1. He also captained the team that won the 1957 series 4-0 for two games, including the 69-5 win in Game Three where he scored a double.

Dick represented his country on 13 occasions with his greatest moment coming as captain-coach of Australia's World Cup victory in 1957, with the Kangaroos undefeated in the four-nations competition. In 2008 he was named in Newtown's 18-man Team of the Century.

Gary Stevens

Gary Stevens, 81, was one of the South Sydney Rabbitohs greatest forwards at a time when the club was brimming with talent in that department. He made his First-Grade debut in 1965 as a 21-year-old and racked up 186 games in the famous cardinal red and myrtle green jersey. He won the 1970-71 Premierships alongside fellow True Blues John Sattler, Bob McCarthy, Eric Simms, Michael Cleary, Paul Sait, John O'Neill and Ron Coote, with the team coached by Clive Churchill.

The back-rower was renowned as being extremely fit and not one to miss a tackle. He also captained the Rabbitohs 25 times. Gary played six games for NSW (1972-75) and 11 games for Australia including the 1972 World Cup and the 1973-74 Ashes series against Great Britain.

Born in the inner southern Sydney suburb of Pagewood, Gary was a product of several clubs in the Souths Juniors nursery. He had Rabbitohs royalty in his genes being the grandson of Arthur Oxford, who played 76 First Grade games for South Sydney (1915-1921) including the 1918 Premiership.

Fred Strutt

A former five-eighth and lock, Fred Strutt began his Rugby League career with St George Dragons in 1960, from where he played his junior football, and in Inverell in 1961 and 1962. He played for Country Firsts in 1961 and captained Country Seconds in 1962.

Fred returned to Sydney to join Eastern Suburbs in 1963 where he played 15 games. He returned to the country the following year and was selected to captain the 1964 Country Firsts team against City but was ruled out due to a bruised kidney.

Fred also represented Riverina against the touring French team in 1964 and Southern Division against the touring New Zealand team in 1967. His son, Darren Strutt, played for the Illawarra Steelers in the NSWRL in 1988.

Ron Sigsworth

Ron Sigsworth, the brother of True Blue Phil Sigsworth, was born in Sydney and played for the Newtown Jets and South Sydney Rabbitohs before heading to England to ply his trade for Castleford Tigers.

A fullback or centre, he made his First-Grade debut for the Jets in 1982 and would go on to score four tries from six games that season. He played 19 games for the Jets in 1983 in their final season in the top grade and had the distinction of scoring the club's last ever try at Henson Park.

Ron moved from the Jets to the Raiders in 1984 and made 13 appearances and scored three tries in his only season at the club. He headed to England for a two-year stint at Castleford, losing a Challenge Cup Semi-final to Hull FC after a draw and a replay, before returning home to finish his career in Reserve Grade at South Sydney apart from a First-Grade appearance in a Midweek Cup game.

Following his retirement, Ron was involved as a pathways coach at Souths Juniors and was also a long-serving member of the NSWRL judiciary.



Bruce Olive



Dick Poole



Gary Stevens



Fred Strutt



Ron Sigsworth



RECORDS



NSWRL LIFE MEMBERS

NAME, ELECTED

Abercrombie, J 1908
Boss, G 1908
Brackenreg, H 1908
Brackenreg, G 1908
Bressington, G 1908
Buckle, A 1908
Burdon, A 1908
Burdon, R 1908
Cann, WA 1908
Carty, R 1908
Cheadle, F 1908
Conlon, A 1908
Costello, TB 1908
Courtney, E (Jnr) 1908
Courtney, E (Snr) 1908
Cribb, J 1908
D'Alpuget, L 1908
Devereaux, J 1908
Dobbs, A 1908
Fenely, J 1908
Flegg, H 1908
Ford, CH 1908
Fry, E 1908
Giltinan, JJ (Founder) 1908
Glanville, H 1908
Graves, R 1908
Halloway, A 1908
Hamill, HC 1908
Headley, C 1908
Hennessy, AS 1908
Hoyle, HC MLA 1908
Hutcheson, C 1908
Lawrence, HE 1908
Lutge, D 1908
Mable, R 1908
Macnamara, ALH 1908
McQuade, P 1908
Messenger, HH 1908
Miller, HR 1908
Moir, P 1908
Noble, W 1908
Odbert, H 1908
O'Farrell, T 1908
Pearce, S 1908
Rosenfeld, A 1908
Scott, NH 1908
Smallwood, R 1908
Smith, H 1908
Stack, J 1908
Stuntz, J 1908
Trumper, V 1908
Weymark, A 1908
Ball, SG 1912
Quinlan, J 1912
Carpenter, S 1913
Frawley, D 1913
Blue, JE 1914
Brennan, G 1914
Edwards, J 1914
Hooper, EJ 1914
Larkin, Serg EJ MLA 1914
Mead, EJ 1914
Moffatt, JB 1914
Phelan, TE 1914
Joynton Smith, J, the Hon 1914
Upton, CHJ 1915
Webb, W 1915
Ellis, WJ 1916
Kelley, HPS 1916
Butler, A 1919
Chaseling, WA 1919
Latta, A 1919
McFayden, E 1920
Broomham, A 1921
Davis, H 1921
Fitzgerald, T 1921
Hallett, H 1921
Lennon, W 1921
McDougall, C 1921
McGrath, J 1921
Ballerum, A 1922
Lennon, R 1922
Apoloney, J 1923
Dawson, G 1923
Kelly, WJ 1924
McMahon, TI 1924
Flowers, F the Hon, MLC 1924
Fraser, C 1925
Schofield, L 1926
Dargan, JL 1927
Elliot, CJ 1927
Haron, F 1928
Delaney, F 1931
Hawkes, A 1931
Lees, C 1931
Neill, W 1931
Horder, H 1931
Burge, F 1934
Bruce, W 1935
Savage, RE the Hon MLC 1935

Latta, RA 1936
Johnston, A 1938
Gray, A 1939
Lynch, CJ 1939
Bennett, WG 1941
Corbett, CG 1941
Fusedale, RG 1942
Horne, JP 1943
Pert, S 1944
Russell, CJ 1944
Oxford, A 1946
Steel, LW 1947
Fahy, CW 1949
Matthews, HR MBE 1949
Justice, AJ 1950
Brennan, MT 1952
Bowd, HR 1953
Buckley, WG OBE 1953
Wales, BP 1954
Brand, AW 1955
Burns, EE 1955
McGauley, JV 1956
Robinson, NC 1957
Kessey, JH 1958
Folwell, A 1959
Neill, JC 1959
Evatt, Dr HV 1960
Dunn, RA OAM 1960
Lynch, JE 1961
Munro, JL 1961
O'Neill, SA 1961
Drews, JR 1966
Watson, DW 1966
Ford, JJ 1968
O'Toole, JJ MBE OBE 1968
Kingston, AM 1969
Bishop, G 1971
Liston, R 1971
Toby, A 1971
Wigzell, CE BEM 1971
Charlton, KJ 1971
Mackie, AI MBE 1971
McKinnon, RH BEM 1972
Kell, C 1972
Argent, JN OBE, OAM 1973
Cohen, O 1973
Loveday, T 1973
Facer, F 1974
Stehr, AB 1974
Walsh, K 1974
Forbes, HH 1975

Kelly, LT 1975
Simpson, SA 1975
Moses, JA BEM 1975
Clunas, G 1975
Cahill, C 1976
Goodman, TL MBE 1976
Fry, D 1978
Ibbitson, RJ 1978
Shiner, A OAM 1978
O'Brien, J 1979
Arthurson, KR AM 1979
Beaver, WF 1979
Cox, EH OAM 1980
Humphreys, KE 1980
Bellew, TJ OAM 1981
Gibson, CH 1981
Willoughby, G 1982
Bell, L 1982
Johnson, F OAM 1982
Duggan, JT 1983
Holman, KV MBE 1983
O'Donnell, RS 1983
Stephen, KG 1984
Farrington, FJ 1984
Abbott, RJ AM 1985
Walsh, F 1985
Pearce, CF 1985
Barnhill, D 1986
Hammerton, EAE OAM 1986
Price, G 1986
Hyde, FP MBE, OAM 1987
Williams, LG 1987
Hampstead, J 1988
McCaffery, KA 1988
Porter, M 1988
Bull, ER 1989
Moore, PS OAM 1989
McIntyre, LJ OAM 1989
Neville, A 1989
Byrne, VJ OAM 1990
Kimberley, W 1991
Daley, D 1992
Richards, A 1993
Barnes, WK AM 1994
Rayner, W 1995
Broughton, P 1995
Doust, SL OAM 1995
McCall, I 1995
Matthews, L 1996
Quayle, J 1996
Raper, J MBE 1997

Monaghan, Dr W 1997
Lumsden, E 1998
Mossop, R 1999
Falla, M 2000
Hayes, J 2000
Lanesbury, R 2000
Millward, R, OAM 2001
Nelson, B OAM 2001
Watson, R 2001
Walsh, B OAM 2002
Wright, G 2002
Corcoran, P AM 2003
Roberts, K 2003
Elliss, P 2004
Massey, R 2004
McCarthy, R MBE 2004
Coote, R AM 2005
Gibson, J OAM 2005
Thompson, F 2005
Bampton, D OAM 2006
Feltis, D OAM 2006
Stone, M 2006
Spagarino, D 2007
Riordan, J 2007
Cleary, MA AO 2008
Kurtz, B 2008
Piggins, G 2008
Fitzgerald, D AM 2009
Powell R 2009
Aggett, K 2012
Wallace, B 2012
King, J 2013
Renilson, C 2013
Chalk, J OAM 2014
McMartin, J 2014
Politis, N AM 2015
Cronin, M OAM 2016
Byrne, V 2019
Byrnes, A OAM 2019
Kimberley, W 2019
Lanesbury, R 2019
O'Dwyer, J OAM 2019
Kelly, J 2019
Mayhew, G 2019
Charters, N 2019
Nelson, T 2019
Riolo, K OAM 2019
Wright, G 2019
Hamilton, R OAM 2019
Hardy, K OAM 2019
Fish, F 2019

Harrison, D 2019
Marsh, T 2019
Carroll, B 2019
Hollingsworth, Dr J 2019
Rossiter, P 2019
Anderson, J OAM 2019
Smith, N 2019
Latter, J 2019
McDonald, P 2019
Walsh, R 2019
Ghosn, S 2020
Mulholland, P 2020
Rowney, T 2020
Betts, S 2021
Carr, G 2023
Mieni, S 2023
Bridge, W 2024
Brady, T 2024
Abood, R 2025
McCallum, G 2025

Cahill, FJ
Ferris, HC
McGuire, J
Gleeson, MJ
Thirwell, TL
Quinn, J
O'Malley, D
Elliott, AC
Flanigan, W
Brazil, H
Loveday, T
Meaney, F
Chandler, E
Kingston, AM
O'Toole, J OAM
Gillard, H
Ward, J
Rigby, E
Roach, V
Gahan, J
Hattam, J
Walsh, K
Thom, J
Wilson, J
Hagan, AP
Moreland, D
Smith, F
Baker, R
Slogget, G
Sercombe, S
Barrett, V
Maitland, B
Devlin, F
McIntrye, L
Sharpe, J
Gale, N
McAlpine, E
Barnhill, D
Cosgrove, K
McNamara, K
Bartlett, J
Fawkner, J
Bowden, J
Tilson, R
Kelly, M
Middleton, H
Riordan, J
Best, N
Lumsden, E
Tiernan, G
Farmer, T
Williams, W
Smith, K
Barker, G

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STATE OF ORIGIN

*NSW won a fourth game played in California, which carried Origin status but did not count towards the series result
**Queensland retained Shield after third game finished in a draw

Year, Winners

1980 Queensland 1-0	2003 NSW 2-1
1981 Queensland 1-0	2004 NSW 2-1
1982 Queensland 2-1	2005 NSW 2-1
1983 Queensland 2-1	2006 Queensland 2-1
1984 Queensland 2-1	2007 Queensland 2-1
1985 NSW 2-1	2008 Queensland 2-1
1986 NSW 3-0	2009 Queensland 2-1
1987 Queensland 2-1*	2010 Queensland 3-0
1988 Queensland 3-0	2011 Queensland 2-1
1989 Queensland 3-0	2012 Queensland 2-1
1990 NSW 2-1	2013 Queensland 2-1
1991 Queensland 2-1	2014 NSW 2-1
1992 NSW 2-1	2015 Queensland 2-1
1993 NSW 2-1	2016 Queensland 2-1
1994 NSW 2-1	2017 Queensland 2-1
1995 Queensland 3-0	2018 NSW 2-1
1996 NSW 3-0	2019 NSW 2-1
1997 NSW 2-1	2020 Queensland 2-1
1998 Queensland 2-1	2021 NSW 2-1
1999 1-all**	2022 Queensland 2-1
2000 NSW 3-0	2023 Queensland 2-1
2001 Queensland 2-1	2024 NSW 2-1
2002 1-all**	2025 Queensland 2-1

WOMEN’S STATE OF ORIGIN

Women’s Interstate Challenge 1999-2017. Women’s State of Origin 2018-Present.

Year, Winners

1999 Queensland	2014 Queensland
2000 Queensland	2015 Queensland
2001 Queensland	2016 NSW
2002 Queensland	2017 NSW
2003 Queensland	2018 NSW
2004 Queensland	2019 NSW
2005 Queensland	2020 Queensland
2006 Queensland	2021 Queensland
2007 Queensland	2022 NSW
2008 Queensland	2023 Queensland 1-1*
2009 Queensland	2024 Queensland 2-1
2010 Queensland	2025 NSW 2-1
2011 Queensland	
2012 Queensland	
2013 Queensland	

* Series decided on two-game aggregate

STATE OF ORIGIN (UNDER 19s MEN)

Under 20s 2012-2019. Under 19s 2020-present.

2012 NSW	2022 NSW
2013 NSW	2023 NSW
2014 NSW	2024 NSW
2015 NSW	2025 Queensland
2016 NSW	
2017 NSW	
2018 Queensland	
2019 NSW	
2020 Not contested (COVID-19 pandemic)	
2021 Not contested (COVID-19 pandemic)	

STATE OF ORIGIN (UNDER 19s WOMEN)

Under 18s 2019. Under 19s 2020-present

2019 NSW
2020 Not contested (COVID-19 pandemic)
2021 NSW
2022 NSW
2023 Queensland
2024 NSW
2025 NSW

STATE OF ORIGIN (UNDER 18s BOYS)

2014-19. 2020-present (not contested)

2014 NSW
2015 Queensland
2016 NSW
2017 NSW
2018 NSW
2019 Queensland

STATE OF ORIGIN (UNDER 16s BOYS)

2013-18. 2019-present (not contested)

2013 NSW
2014 Queensland
2015 Queensland
2016 NSW
2017 NSW
2018 NSW

COUNTRY V CITY MEN

1928 Country	1944 City	1960 City	1976 City	1992 Country	2008 Draw
1929 City	1945 City	1961 Country	1977 City	1993 City	2009 City
1930 Country	1946 City	1962 Country	1978 City	1994 Country	2010 Country
1931 City	1947 City	1963 City	1979 City	1995 City	2011 Country
1932 City	1948 Draw	1964 City	1980 City	1996 Country	2012 City
1933 Draw	1949 City	1965 City	1981 City	1997 Country	2013 Country
1934 City	1950 City	1966 Draw	1982 City	1998 Not held	2014 Draw
1935 City	1951 City	1967 City	1983 City	1999 Not held	2015 Country
1936 City	1952 City	1968 City	1984 City	2000 Not held	2016 City
1937 Country	1953 Country	1969 City	1985 City	2001 Country	2017 City
1938 City	1954 City	1970 City	1986 City	2002 City	2018 Not held
1939 City	1955 City	1971 City	1987 City	2003 City	2019 Not held
1940 City	1956 City	1972 City	1988 City	2004 Country	2020 Not held
1941 City	1957 City	1973 City	1989 City	2005 City	2021 City
1942 Country	1958 City	1974 City	1990 City	2006 Country	2022 Country
1943 City	1959 City	1975 Country	1991 City	2007 City	2023 Country
					2024 City
					2025 Country

COUNTRY V CITY
UNDER 18s BOYS

2021 City
2022 City
2023 City
2024 City
2025 City

COUNTRY V CITY
UNDER 16s BOYS

2021 City
2022 City
2023 City
2024 City
2025 City

COUNTRY V CITY WOMEN

2017 City
2018 Not held
2019 Not held
2020 Not held
2021 City
2022 Country
2023 Country

COUNTRY V CITY
UNDER 19s WOMEN

2023 City
2024 Country
2025 City

COUNTRY V CITY
UNDER 17s GIRLS

2023 City
2024 City
2025 City





NATIONAL RUGBY LEAGUE

NSWRL 1908-1994. Australian Rugby League 1995-97. NRL 1998-present.

Year, Premiers, Runners Up

1908 South Sydney, Eastern Suburbs
1909 South Sydney, Balmain
1910 Newtown, South Sydney
1911 Eastern Suburbs, Glebe
1912 Eastern Suburbs, Glebe
1913 Eastern Suburbs, Newtown
1914 South Sydney, Newtown
1915 Balmain, Glebe
1916 Balmain, South Sydney
1917 Balmain, South Sydney
1918 South Sydney, Western Suburbs
1919 Balmain, Eastern Suburbs
1920 Balmain, South Sydney
1921 North Sydney, Eastern Suburbs
1922 North Sydney, Glebe
1923 Eastern Suburbs, South Sydney
1924 Balmain, South Sydney
1925 South Sydney, Western Suburbs
1926 South Sydney, University
1927 South Sydney, St George
1928 South Sydney, Eastern Suburbs
1929 South Sydney, Newtown
1930 Western Suburbs, St George
1931 South Sydney, Eastern Suburbs
1932 South Sydney, Western Suburbs
1933 Newtown, St George
1934 Western Suburbs, Eastern Suburbs
1935 Eastern Suburbs, South Sydney
1936 Eastern Suburbs, Balmain
1937 Eastern Suburbs, South Sydney
1938 Canterbury, Eastern Suburbs
1939 Balmain, South Sydney
1940 Eastern Suburbs, Canterbury-Bankstown
1941 St George, Eastern Suburbs
1942 Canterbury-Bankstown, St George
1943 Newtown, North Sydney
1944 Balmain, Newtown
1945 Eastern Suburbs, Balmain
1946 Balmain, St George
1947 Balmain, Canterbury-Bankstown
1948 Western Suburbs, Balmain
1949 St George, South Sydney
1950 South Sydney, Western Suburbs
1951 South Sydney, Manly Warringah
1952 Western Suburbs, South Sydney
1953 South Sydney, St George
1954 South Sydney, Newtown
1955 South Sydney, Newtown
1956 St George, Balmain
1957 St George, Manly Warringah
1958 St George, Western Suburbs
1959 St George, Manly Warringah
1960 St George, Eastern Suburbs
1961 St George, Western Suburbs
1962 St George, Western Suburbs
1963 St George, Western Suburbs
1964 St George, Balmain
1965 St George, South Sydney
1966 St George, Balmain
1967 South Sydney, Canterbury-Bankstown
1968 South Sydney, Manly Warringah
1969 Balmain, South Sydney

1970 South Sydney, Manly Warringah
1971 South Sydney, St George
1972 Manly Warringah , Eastern Suburbs
1973 Manly Warringah, Cronulla-Sutherland
1974 Eastern Suburbs, Canterbury-Bankstown
1975 Eastern Suburbs, St George
1976 Manly Warringah, Parramatta
1977 St George, Parramatta
1978 Manly Warringah, Cronulla-Sutherland
1979 St George, Canterbury-Bankstown
1980 Canterbury-Bankstown, Eastern Suburbs
1981 Parramatta, Newtown
1982 Parramatta, Manly-Warringah
1983 Parramatta, Manly-Warringah
1984 Canterbury-Bankstown, Parramatta
1985 Canterbury-Bankstown, St George
1986 Parramatta, Canterbury-Bankstown
1987 Manly Warringah, Canberra
1988 Canterbury-Bankstown, Balmain
1989 Canberra, Balmain
1990 Canberra, Penrith
1991 Penrith, Canberra
1992 Brisbane, St George
1993 Brisbane, St George
1994 Canberra, Canterbury-Bankstown
1995 Sydney Bulldogs, Manly Warringah
1996 Manly Warringah, St George
1997 Newcastle, Manly Warringah
1998 Brisbane, Canterbury
1999 Melbourne, St George Illawarra
2000 Brisbane, Sydney Roosters
2001 Newcastle, Parramatta
2002 Sydney Roosters, New Zealand
2003 Penrith, Sydney Roosters
2004 Canterbury-Bankstown, Sydney Roosters
2005, Wests Tigers, North Queensland
2006 Brisbane, Melbourne
2007 No premier, Manly Warringah
2008 Manly Warringah, Melbourne
2009 No premier, Parramatta
2010 St George Illawarra, Sydney Roosters
2011 Manly Warringah, New Zealand
2012 Melbourne, Canterbury-Bankstown
2013 Sydney Roosters, Manly Warringah
2014 South Sydney, Canterbury-Bankstown
2015 North Queensland, Brisbane
2016 Cronulla-Sutherland, Melbourne
2017 Melbourne, North Queensland
2018 Sydney Roosters, Melbourne
2019 Sydney Roosters, Canberra
2020 Melbourne, Penrith
2021 Penrith, South Sydney
2022 Penrith, Parramatta
2023 Penrith, Brisbane
2024 Penrith, Melbourne
2025 Brisbane, Melbourne

THE KNOCK-ON EFFECT NSW CUP

Reserve Grade 1908-96. Presidents Cup 1997-98. NSWRL First Division 1999-2002. NSWRL Premier League 2003. NSWRL NSW Cup 2008-present.

Year, Premiers

1908 Eastern Suburbs
1909 Eastern Suburbs
1910 Eastern Suburbs
1911 Eastern Suburbs
1912 Glebe
1913 South Sydney
1914 South Sydney
1915 Balmain
1916 Balmain
1917 South Sydney
1918 Glebe
1919 Glebe
1920 Glebe
1921 Glebe
1922 Newtown
1923 South Sydney
1924 South Sydney
1925 South Sydney
1926 South Sydney
1927 South Sydney
1928 Balmain
1929 South Sydney
1930 Balmain
1931 South Sydney
1932 South Sydney
1933 South Sydney
1934 South Sydney
1935 Eastern Suburbs
1936 Western Suburbs
1937 Eastern Suburbs
1938 St George
1939 Canterbury-Bankstown
1940 North Sydney
1941 Balmain
1942 North Sydney
1943 South Sydney
1944 Balmain
1945 South Sydney
1946 Balmain

1947 Newtown
1948 Newtown
1949 Eastern Suburbs
1950 Balmain
1951 Newtown
1952 South Sydney
1953 South Sydney
1954 Manly Warringah
1955 North Sydney
1956 South Sydney
1957 Balmain
1958 Balmain
1959 North Sydney
1960 Manly Warringah
1961 Western Suburbs
1962 St George
1963 St George
1964 St George
1965 Balmain
1966 South Sydney
1967 Balmain
1968 South Sydney
1969 Manly Warringah
1970 Newtown
1971 Canterbury-Bankstown
1972 Canterbury-Bankstown
1973 Manly Warringah
1974 Newtown
1975 Parramatta
1976 St George
1977 Parramatta
1978 Balmain
1979 Parramatta
1980 Canterbury-Bankstown
1981 Western Suburbs
1982 Balmain
1983 South Sydney
1984 Balmain
1985 St George

1986 Eastern Suburbs
1987 Penrith
1988 Manly Warringah
1989 North Sydney
1990 Brisbane
1991 North Sydney
1992 North Sydney
1993 North Sydney
1994 Cronulla-Sutherland
1995 Newcastle
1996 Cronulla-Sutherland
1997 Parramatta
1998 Canterbury
1999 Parramatta
2000 Bulldogs
2001 St George Illawarra
2002 Bulldogs
2003 Canberra
2004 Sydney Roosters
2005 Parramatta
2006 Parramatta
2007 Parramatta
2008 Wentworthville
2009 Bankstown City
2010 Canterbury-Bankstown
2011 Canterbury-Bankstown
2012 Newtown
2013 Cronulla-Sutherland
2014 Penrith
2015 Newcastle
2016 Illawarra
2017 Penrith
2018 Canterbury-Bankstown
2019 Newtown
2020 Not awarded (COVID-19 pandemic)
2021 Not awarded (COVID-19 pandemic)
2022 Penrith
2023 South Sydney
2024 Newtown
2025 Warriors





NATIONAL RUGBY LEAGUE WOMEN

Year, Premiers, Runners Up

2018 Brisbane, Sydney Roosters
2019 Brisbane, St George Illawarra
2020 Brisbane, Sydney Roosters
2021 Sydney Roosters, St George Illawarra
2022 Newcastle, Parramatta
2023 Newcastle, Gold Coast
2024 Sydney Roosters, Cronulla-Sutherland
2025 Brisbane, Sydney Roosters

JERSEY FLEGG CUP

Jersey Flegg Cup 1961-2007. Not contested 2018-2017. Jersey Flegg Cup 2018-present.

Year, Premiers

1961 Manly Warringah	1990 Parramatta
1962 South Sydney	1991 Newcastle
1963 Canterbury-Bankstown	1992 Newcastle
1964 South Sydney	1993 Canberra
1965 Western Suburbs	1994 Balmain
1966 South Sydney	1995 Sydney City
1967 South Sydney	1996 St George
1968 South Sydney	1997 Balmain
1969 South Sydney	1998 North Sydney
1970 Parramatta	1999 Canterbury
1971 Canterbury-Bankstown	2000 Bulldogs
1972 South Sydney	2001 Bulldogs
1973 Balmain	2002 Sydney Roosters
1974 Manly Warringah	2003 Bulldogs
1975 St George	2004 Sydney Roosters
1976 Canterbury-Bankstown	2005 St George Illawarra
1977 Penrith	2006 Penrith
1978 South Sydney	2007 Penrith
1979 Canterbury-Bankstown	2018 Cronulla-Sutherland
1980 Balmain	2019 South Sydney
1981 Western Suburbs	2020 Not awarded (COVID-19 pandemic)
1982 Balmain	2021 Not awarded (COVID-19 pandemic)
1983 Canterbury-Bankstown	2022 Penrith
1984 Balmain	2023 Canterbury-Bankstown
1985 Parramatta	2024 Canterbury-Bankstown
1986 Penrith	2025 Melbourne
1987 Manly Warringah	
1988 Manly Warringah	
1989 Canberra	

SYDNEY SHIELD

Year, Premiers

2012 Wentworthville	2019 Ryde-Eastwood
2013 Belrose	2020 Cronulla-Caringbah
2014 East Campbelltown	2021 Not awarded (COVID-19 pandemic)
2015 Wentworthville	2022 St Marys
2016 East Campbelltown	2023 Hills Bulls
2017 St Marys	2024 Brothers
2018 East Campbelltown	2025 Manly Leagues

NSW WOMEN’S PREMIERSHIP

NSW Women’s Premiership 2017-present.

Year, Premiers

2017 Redfern All Blacks
2018 Mounties
2019 CRL Newcastle
2020 Central Coast
2021 Not awarded (COVID-19 pandemic)
2022 Wests Tigers
2023 Mounties
2024 Illawarra
2025 Cronulla-Sutherland

LEAGUES CLUBS AUSTRALIA
RON MASSEY CUP

Jim Beam Cup 2003-2008. Bundaberg Red Cup 2009-2012. Ron Massey Cup 2013-Present.

Year, Premiers

2003 The Entrance
2004 Sydney Bulls
2005 Windsor
2006 Sydney Bulls
2007 The Entrance
2008 Windsor
2009 Wentworthville
2010 Wentworthville
2011 Cabramatta
2012 Wentworthville
2013 Wentworthville
2014 The Entrance
2015 Mounties
2016 Mounties
2017 Wentworthville
2018 Wentworthville
2019 Wentworthville
2020 Not awarded (COVID-19 pandemic)
2021 Not awarded (COVID-19 pandemic)
2022 Hills Bulls
2023 St Marys
2024 Glebe Dirty Reds
2025 St Marys

NEWCASTLE RUGBY LEAGUE DENTON ENGINEERING CUP

Year, Premiers

2018 South Newcastle	2023 Maitland
2019 Western Suburbs	2024 Maitland
2020 Not awarded (COVID-19 pandemic)	2025 Maitland
2021 Not awarded (COVID-19 pandemic)	
2022 Maitland	

ILLAWARRA RUGBY LEAGUE HARRIGAN CUP

Year, Premiers

2021 Not awarded (COVID-19 pandemic)
2022 Collegians
2023 Thirroul
2024 Western Suburbs
2025 Western Suburbs

MEN’S COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Year, Premiers

2021 Monaro
2022 Illawarra South Coast
2023 Newcastle
2024 Newcastle
2025 Newcastle

WOMEN’S COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Year, Premiers

2021 Newcastle-Maitland Region
2022 Central Coast
2023 Monaro
2024 Western Rams
2025 Western Rams



UNE SG BALL CUP

Year, Premiers	
1965 South Sydney	1995 Canberra
1966 Parramatta	1996 Illawarra
1967 Parramatta	1997 Sydney City
1968 Parramatta	1998 South Sydney
1969 South Sydney	1999 Parramatta
1970 St George	2000 Penrith
1971 Western Suburbs	2001 Newcastle
1972 Canterbury-Bankstown	2002 Western Suburbs
1973 Parramatta	2003 Canberra
1974 South Sydney	2004 Newcastle
1975 South Sydney	2005 Canberra
1976 South Sydney	2006 Penrith
1977 Penrith	2007 Parramatta
1978 Canterbury-Bankstown	2008 Sydney Roosters
1979 South Sydney	2009 Bulldogs
1980 South Sydney	2010 Sydney Roosters
1981 Penrith	2011 Newcastle
1982 Balmain	2012 Balmain
1983 Parramatta	2013 Balmain
1984 St George	2014 Sydney Roosters
1985 Parramatta	2015 Cronulla-Sutherland
1986 South Sydney	2016 Penrith
1987 Parramatta	2017 Parramatta
1988 Parramatta	2018 Penrith
1989 Illawarra	2019 Illawarra
1990 Newcastle	2020 Not awarded (COVID-19 pandemic)
1991 Parramatta	2021 Canberra
1992 St George	2022 Penrith
1993 Parramatta	2023 Parramatta
1994 South Sydney	2024 St George
	2025 Sydney Roosters

WESTPAC TARSHA GALE CUP

Tarsha Gale Cup 2017-present.

Year, Premiers
2017 Penrith
2018 Cronulla-Sutherland
2019 Illawarra
2020 Not awarded (COVID-19 pandemic)
2021 St George
2022 Indigenous Academy Sydney Roosters
2023 Indigenous Academy Sydney Roosters
2024 Illawarra
2025 Parramatta

SLE LAURIE DALEY CUP

Laurie Daley Cup 2018-present.

Year, Premiers	
2018 Newcastle	2022 Illawarra South Coast
2019 Illawarra South Coast	2023 Illawarra South Coast
2020 Not awarded (COVID-19 pandemic)	2024 Monaro
2021 Central Coast	2025 Illawarra South Coast

UNE HAROLD MATTHEWS CUP

Year, Premiers		
1970 Parramatta	1988 Parramatta	2008 Parramatta
1971 Parramatta	1989 Penrith	2009 Bulldogs
1972 Parramatta	1990 Parramatta	2010 Penrith
1973 Cronulla-Sutherland	1991 Gold Coast	2011 Canterbury-Bankstown
1974 South Sydney	1992 Newcastle	2012 Parramatta
1975 Parramatta	1993 Canberra	2013 Parramatta
1976 Parramatta	1994 Parramatta	2014 Newcastle
1977 Cronulla-Sutherland	1995 Canberra	2015 Cronulla-Sutherland
1978 Canberra	1996 Illawarra	2016 Parramatta
1979 Penrith	1997 Parramatta	2017 Newcastle
1980 Group 12	1998 Parramatta	2018 Manly Warringah
1981 Parramatta	1999 Parramatta	2019 Newcastle
1982 Parramatta	2000 Newcastle	2020 Not awarded (COVID-19 pandemic)
1983 Group 6	2001 Cronulla-Sutherland	2021 Manly Warringah
1984 Canberra	2002 Penrith	2001 Cronulla-Sutherland
1985 Penrith	2003 Parramatta	2022 Western Suburbs Magpies
1986 Parramatta	2004 Parramatta	2023 Canterbury-Bankstown
1987 Illawarra	2005 Penrith	2024 Warriors
	2006 Penrith	2025 Warriors
	2007 Bulldogs	

SLE ANDREW JOHNS CUP

Andrew Johns Cup 2018-present.

Year, Premiers	
2018 Western Rams	2022 Northern Rivers
2019 Northern Rivers	2023 Central Coast
2020 Not awarded (COVID-19 pandemic)	2024 Central Coast
2021 Central Coast	2025 Newcastle Maitland Region

WESTPAC
LISA FIAOLA CUP (METROPOLITAN)

2024 Canterbury-Bankstown
2025 Parramatta

WESTPAC
LISA FIAOLA CUP (REGIONAL)

2024 Western Rams
2025 North Coast





PRESIDENTS CUP

Statewide third-tier competition 2020-2023.

Year, Premiers		
1910 Eastern Suburbs	1950 Newtown	1991 Canterbury-Bankstown
1911 Eastern Suburbs	1951 South Sydney	1992 Western Suburbs
1912 Balmain	1952 Balmain	1993 Eastern Suburbs
1913 Eastern Suburbs	1953 South Sydney	1994 Cronulla-Sutherland
1914 Balmain	1954 Balmain	1995 Canberra
1915 Eastern Suburbs	1955 Eastern Suburbs	1996 South Queensland
1916 No Competition	1956 Newtown	1997 Parramatta
1917 No Competition	1957 St George	1998 Canterbury-Bankstown
1918 North Sydney	1958 Western Suburbs	1999 Parramatta
1919 Newtown	1959 Balmain	2000 Bulldogs
1920 Eastern Suburbs	1960 South Sydney	2001 St George Illawarra
1921 Newtown	1961 South Sydney	2002 Bulldogs
1922 Eastern Suburbs	1962 South Sydney	2003 Canberra
1923 Eastern Suburbs	1963 South Sydney	2004 Sydney Roosters
1924 Eastern Suburbs	1964 South Sydney	2005 Parramatta
1925 Western Suburbs	1965 South Sydney	2006 Parramatta
1926 Balmain	1966 Balmain	2020 Maitland
1927 Eastern Suburbs	1967 Balmain	2021 Not awarded (COVID-19 pandemic)
1928 Newtown	1968 South Sydney	2022 Maitland
1929 Balmain	1969 South Sydney	2023 Maitland
1930 Balmain	1970 Manly Warringah	
1931 Canterbury-Bankstown	1971 South Sydney	
1932 Balmain	1972 South Sydney	
1933 North Sydney	1973 Balmain	
1934 Southern Districts	1974 South Sydney	
1935 St George	1975 Parramatta	
1936 South Sydney	1976 Canterbury-Bankstown	
1937 Northern Suburbs	1977 South Sydney	
1938 Eastern Suburbs	1978 Eastern Suburbs	
1939 Balmain	1979 Parramatta	
1940 Balmain	1980 South Sydney	
1941 St George	1981 St George	
1942 South Sydney	1982 South Sydney	
1943 South Sydney	1983 South Sydney	
1944 Newtown	1984 Illawarra	
1945 Western Suburbs	1985 Penrith	
1946 Manly Warringah	1986 Penrith	
1947 Western Suburbs	1987 Eastern Suburbs	
1948 Eastern Suburbs	1988 Parramatta	
1949 Eastern Suburbs	1989 South Sydney	
	1990 Canberra	

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The Flowers Memorial Pennant

Year, Premiers		
1930 Eastern Suburbs	1968 South Sydney	2004 Sydney Roosters
1931 Eastern Suburbs	1969 South Sydney	2005 Parramatta
1932 South Sydney	1970 Eastern Suburbs	2006 Sydney Roosters
1933 South Sydney	1971 St George	2007 Penrith
1934 Eastern Suburbs	1972 Manly Warringah	2008 Parramatta
1935 Eastern Suburbs	1973 Newtown	2009 Bulldogs
1936 Eastern Suburbs	1974 Eastern Suburbs	2010 Cronulla-Sutherland
1937 Eastern Suburbs	1975 Eastern Suburbs	2011 Cronulla-Sutherland
1938 Canterbury-Bankstown	1976 Parramatta	2012 Balmain
1939 Canterbury-Bankstown	1977 Parramatta	2013 Cronulla-Sutherland
1940 St George	1978 Parramatta	2014 Penrith
1941 Balmain	1979 Parramatta	2015 Penrith
1942 St George	1980 Parramatta	2016 Mounties
1943 Balmain	1981 Parramatta	2017 Mounties
1944 Balmain	1982 Parramatta	2018 Penrith
1945 Eastern Suburbs	1983 Manly Warringah	2019 Wentworthville
1946 St George	1984 St George	2020 Not awarded (COVID-19 pandemic)
1947 Balmain	1985 St George	2021 Not awarded (COVID-19 pandemic)
1948 Western Suburbs	1986 Parramatta	2022 Penrith
1949 St George	1987 Manly Warringah	2023 Canterbury-Bankstown
1950 Balmain	1988 Manly Warringah	2024 Canterbury-Bankstown
1951 St George	1989 South Sydney	2025 Parramatta
1952 South Sydney	1990 Canberra	
1953 South Sydney	1991 Western Suburbs	
1954 South Sydney	1992 Brisbane/Newcastle	
1955 St George	1993 Canterbury-Bankstown	
1956 St George	1994 Canterbury-Bankstown	
1957 St George	1995 Cronulla-Sutherland	
1958 St George	1996 Brisbane	
1959 St George	1997 Parramatta	
1960 Western Suburbs	1998 Parramatta	
1961 Western Suburbs	1999 Parramatta	
1962 St George	2000 Parramatta	
1963 St George	2001 Parramatta	
1964 St George	2002 Parramatta	
1965 St George	2003 Parramatta	
1966 St George		
1967 South Sydney		





BRAD FITTLER MEDAL

NSW Player of Origin Series

- 2005 Matt King
- 2006 Steve Menzies
- 2007 Jarryd Hayne
- 2008 Danny Buderus
- 2009 Jarryd Hayne
- 2010 Kurt Gidley
- 2011 Paul Gallen
- 2012 Robbie Farah
- 2013 Greg Bird
- 2014 Ryan Hoffman and Jarryd Hayne
- 2015 Josh Dugan
- 2016 Josh Jackson
- 2017 David Klemmer
- 2018 James Tedesco
- 2019 James Tedesco
- 2020 Nathan Cleary
- 2021 Tom Trbojevic
- 2022 James Tedesco
- 2023 Brian To'o
- 2024 Angus Crichton
- 2025 Brian To'o

TRUE BLUE AWARD

- 2014 Brett Morris and Josh Morris
- 2015 Robbie Farah
- 2016 Aaron Woods
- 2017 Jake Trbojevic
- 2018 Tom Trbojevic
- 2019 Josh Addo-Carr
- 2020 Daniel Saifiti
- 2021 Latrell Mitchell
- 2022 James Tedesco
- 2023 Liam Martin
- 2024 Jake Trbojevic
- 2025 Payne Haas

NSWRL HALL OF FAME

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 2017 Clive Churchill | 2019 Tommy Raudonikis |
| 2017 John Raper | 2021 Billy Smith |
| 2017 Reg Gasnier | 2021 Brett Kenny |
| 2017 Bob Fulton | 2021 Glenn Lazarus |
| 2017 Graeme Langlands | 2022 Ken Kearney |
| 2017 Arthur Beetson | 2022 Harry Wells |
| 2017 Andrew Johns | 2022 Ricky Stuart |
| 2017 Bradley Clyde | 2023 Dave Brown |
| 2017 Ron Coote | 2023 Danny Buderus |
| 2017 Laurie Daley | 2023 Frank Burge |
| 2017 Brad Fittler | 2023 Michael Cronin |
| 2017 Bob McCarthy | 2023 Dally Messenger |
| 2017 Norm Provan | 2024 Steve Roach |
| 2018 Keith Holman | 2024 Michael O'Connor |
| 2018 Ken Irvine | 2025 Ben Elias |
| 2018 Steve Rogers | 2025 Andrew Ettingshausen |
| 2019 Steve Mortimer | 2025 Paul Gallen |

COUNTRY RUGBY LEAGUE
WOMEN’S PLAYER OF THE YEAR

- 2020 Not awarded (COVID-19 pandemic)
- 2021 Chantelle Graham (South Newcastle)
- 2022 Jessica Gentle (Central Coast)
- 2023 Krystal Blackwell (Goulburn City)
- 2024 Alicia Earsman (Canowindra)
- 2025 Tiana Anderson (Western Rams)

NSW BLUES WOMEN’S PLAYER OF THE YEAR

- 2015 Simaima Taufa *
- 2016 Kezie Apps *
- 2017 Simaima Taufa *
- 2018 Isabelle Kelly
- 2019 Simaima Taufa
- 2020 Hannah Southwell
- 2021 Isabelle Kelly
- 2022 Isabelle Kelly
- 2023 Emma Tonegato
- 2024 Jaime Chapman
- 2025 Olivia Kernick

NSW BLUES WOMEN’S AWARD

- 2022 Caitlan Johnston
- 2023 Kezie Apps
- 2024 Yasmin Clydsdale
- 2025 Abbi Church

COUNTRY RUGBY LEAGUE
PLAYER OF THE YEAR

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1965 Laurie Moraschi (Griffith) | 1996 Brett Gallard (Orange CYMS) |
| 1966 Terry Pannowitz (Maitland) | 1997 Darren Leaney (Bellingen) |
| 1967 Allan Thompson (Newcastle) | 1998 Paul Skovgaard (Western Suburbs/Newcastle) |
| 1968 Allan Thompson (Newcastle) | 1999 Troy Clear (West Belconnen) |
| 1969 John Cootes (Newcastle) | 2000 Jarrod O’Doherty (Western Suburbs/Newcastle) |
| 1970 Les Hutchings (Condobolin) | 2001 Jamie O’Connor (Burleigh) |
| 1971 Dick Jefferey (Glen Innes) | 2002 Ryan Dagwell (Western Suburbs/Newcastle) |
| 1972 Brian Burke (Maitland) | 2003 John Johnson (Scone) |
| 1973 John Donnelly (Gunnedah) | 2004 Phil Stonham (Queanbeyan) |
| 1974 Michael Cronin (Gerrigong) | 2005 Chris Bailey (Northern Blues) |
| 1975 Steve Hewson (Queanbeyan United) | 2006 Dean Amos (Wyong) and Darren Jackson (Cobar) |
| 1976 Peter Kennedy (Forbes) | 2007 David McLean (Berkeley) |
| 1977 Barry Pearson (Illawarra Western Suburbs) | 2008 Grant Wooden (Wagga Kangaroos) |
| 1978 Ray Brown (Griffith Waratahs) | 2009 Grant Wooden (Wagga Kangaroos) |
| 1979 Pat Smith (Maitland) | 2010 Mitch Williams (Wyong Roos) |
| 1980 Perry Haddock (Erina) | 2011 Jimmy Grehan (Wests Illawarra) |
| 1981 Terry Regan (Cessnock) | 2012 Todd Maloney (Umina) |
| 1982 Willie Tarry (Cessnock) | 2013 Riley Brown (Cessnock) and Rory O’Brien (Wests Illawarra) |
| 1983 Paul Field (Cootamundra) | 2014 Chris Adams (Cessnock) |
| 1984 Ross Gibson (Wyong) | 2015 Jarrod Thompson (Collegians) |
| 1985 Peter Hawthorne (Griffith) | 2016 Chris Adams (Lakes United) |
| 1986 Neil Moy (Parkes) | 2017 Tori Freeman-Quay (West Belconnen) |
| 1987 Steve Walters (Lakes United) | 2018 Caleb Ziebell (Cudgen Hornets) |
| 1988 Chris Cumming (Aberdeen) | 2019 Cameron Vazzoler (Kiama) |
| 1989 Mark Ryan (Moree) | 2020Not awarded (COVID-19 pandemic) |
| 1990 Paul Danes (Wagga Magpies) | 2021 Jake Goodwin (West Wyalong) |
| 1991 Richard Jones (South Newcastle) | 2022 Jake Brisbane (Warilla-Lake South) |
| 1992 Trevor Crow (South Newcastle) | 2023 Chad O’Donnell (Maitland) |
| 1993 Warren Douch (Erina) | 2024 Josh Ayers (Queanbeyan) |
| 1994 Brian Quinton (Kurri Kurri) | 2025 Jacob Kernick (Northern Rivers) |
| 1995 Jamy Forbes (Cessnock) | |





FINANCIALS



New South Wales Rugby League Limited and its controlled entity
ABN 11 002 704 761

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For the year ended 31 October 2025

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Directors’ Report

The Directors present their report together with the consolidated financial statements of the Group comprising New South Wales Rugby League Limited (the Company), and its controlled entity for the financial year ended 31 October 2025 and the auditor’s report thereon.

DIRECTORS

The Directors of the Group at any time during or since the end of the financial year are:

Name and Qualifications	Experience, Other Directorships	Responsibilities	Appointed / Resigned
Paul Conlon	District Court Judge (Acting), Former Crown Prosecutor and Deputy Senior Crown Prosecutor, Former Chairman, NRL Judiciary	Chair	Since 22 February 2023 / Resigned 19 February 2025
John Anderson OAM	Director, NSW Leagues Club Limited. Former Chairman, Country Rugby League of NSW. Former Chairman/ Director, Newcastle Rugby League. Member, Australian Rugby League Indigenous Council. Life Member: New South Wales Rugby League Ltd, South Newcastle Rugby League, Newcastle Rugby League.	Director	Since 18 October 2019
Robert Walsh	Chairman, NSW Leagues Club Limited. Former Deputy Chair, Country Rugby League of NSW. Former CEO, Narromine United Services Memorial Club Director, Narromine Bowling Club Chairman, Peter McDonald Premiership Life Member Group 11, Western Divisions and NSWRL	Director	Since 18 October 2019
Terence Brady	Former Board Member, Country Rugby League of NSW. Chairman, Riverina Region. Former President, Group 20 Rugby League. Life Member: New South Wales Rugby League Ltd	Director	Since 18 October 2019
The Hon. Kevin Greene AM	Director/Deputy Chair, Cricket NSW. Chair, NSW Rugby League Referees Association. President, St George District Cricket Club. Director – ICC Ltd (trading as Club Central). Life Member, Australian Turf Club. Director-Racing NSW. Advisory Board – Greenworx Pty Ltd.	Director	Since 27 May 2022
Continued			



Name and Qualifications	Experience, Other Directorships	Responsibilities	Appointed / Resigned
Joe Kelly	Group CEO and Company Secretary, Eastern Suburbs District Rugby League Football Club Limited and Eastern Suburbs Leagues Club Limited. Director, NSW Leagues Club Limited	Director	Since 17 February 2023
Carolyn Campbell	CEO, Scouts NSW. Director, Volleyball Australia. Chair, Hockey One Pty Ltd. Director, Bankstown Sports Club Inc. Former Chair and Director, Sport NSW.	Director / Chair	Since 20 February 2023 / Appointed Chair 25 February 2025
Tarsha Gale	15 Tests for the Jillaroos 1995-2000. Appointed NSW Captain for first Women's Interstate match in 1999. Tarsha Gale Cup (Under 19s Women) named in her honour. NRL Hall of Fame inductee 2024.	Director	Since 25 February 2025

COMPANY SECRETARY

Mr David Trodden was appointed to the position of Company secretary on 6 June 2013. Mr Trodden is also the Chief Executive of the Group.

DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

The number of Directors' meetings, including meetings of committees of Directors held and attended by each of the Directors of the Group during the financial year are:

Directors' meetings		
	Board meetings	
Directors	Number of meetings held	Number of meetings attended
Paul Conlon	5	5
John Anderson OAM	20	19
Bob Walsh	20	20
Terence Brady	18	18
Carolyn Campbell	18	18
Joe Kelly	20	18
The Hon. Kevin Greene AM	20	20
Tarsha Gale	13	12

Finance, Risk & Audit Committee Meetings		
Directors	Number of meetings held	Number of meetings attended
Joe Kelly	12	12
The Hon. Kevin Greene AM	12	11
Dean Webster	12	12
Adam Bowen	12	11
David Trodden	12	12

ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION

The Group's operations are not subject to any significant environmental regulations under either Commonwealth or State legislation.

The Group monitors compliance with environmental regulations. The Group are not aware of any significant breaches during the period covered by their report.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the Group during the course of the financial year were fostering and propagation of Rugby League in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory . There were no significant changes in the nature of the activities of the Group during the year. Group performance is constantly measured against:

- Demographic analysis of participation numbers, potential players and lost players;
- Feedback from member clubs and other key stakeholders;
- Budgets and financial performance generally;
- Strategic plan implementation;
- Media profile indicators; and
- Performance of New South Wales Rugby League teams.

OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGY

The Group's long term objectives are to foster, develop, extend and control the game of rugby league from the junior to elite levels throughout New South Wales and to generally take such action as may be considered conducive in the best interests of the game. In order to ensure the long-term objectives are being met, the Group will:

- Implement the provisions of the Group's strategic plan;
- Organise, conduct and develop competitions within New South Wales for junior to elite levels;
- Co-operate with organisations controlling the game in other states of Australia and other countries in the fostering and control of the game;
- Provide and maintain grounds, playing fields, materials, equipment and other facilities for the game;
- Regulate and control the operation of all member bodies and affiliates; and
- Make grants by way of gift and to render other financial assistance to the clubs and other persons and bodies connected with the game.

The Group's short-term objectives are to increase player participation numbers at junior levels through to elite levels of the game throughout NSW, and maximise the State of Origin (SOO) team performance.

In order to ensure the short-term objectives are met, the Group will promote and communicate the achievements of the NSWRL within the various communities.

RESULTS OF THE OPERATIONS

The surplus of the Group after income tax is \$4,436,259 (2024: \$6,554,876). The Directors are satisfied with the performance and operations of the Group during the financial year.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE STATE OF AFFAIRS

On 15th April 2025, the Company acquired 54% of the shares and voting interests in PT Entertainment Pty Limited for a total cash consideration of \$1.2m. The acquisition has resulted in New South Wales Rugby League Limited obtaining control of PT Entertainment Pty Limited.

The statutory accounts of the Group for the 2023 financial year reported that the adequacy of the funding from the Australian Rugby League Commission for the 2023 season, as required by the New Members Agreement, was the subject of an ongoing dispute.

During the 2024 financial year, the dispute was resolved with the outcome that the Group received additional funds from the Australian Rugby League Commission in the sum of \$3,123,998 relating to the 2023 financial year, representing a further amount constituting adequate funding under the New Members Agreement. This amount, having been received in the course of 2024 financial year, has been recorded by the Group as Revenue in the 2024 financial year, but to reflect the spread of Revenue between the 2023 financial year and the 2024 financial year, this further amount of \$3,123,998 has been reallocated in the Statement below from 2024 Revenue to 2023 Revenue. Accordingly, the Consolidated Statement below represents a summary of Profit and Loss and other Comprehensive Income, normalised between the 2023 financial year and the 2024 financial year, to take account of the foregoing.

	2025	2024	2023
	\$	\$	\$
Revenue	58,359,687	49,325,182	43,999,914
Cost of sales	(2,288,790)	(689,275)	(434,179)
GROSS SURPLUS	56,070,897	48,635,907	43,565,735
Centre of excellence	541,408	507,902	520,921
Operating expenses	(53,422,146)	(46,660,985)	(42,563,222)
RESULTS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	3,190,159	2,482,824	1,523,434
Net financing income	1,442,668	1,058,053	769,826
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	4,632,827	3,540,877	2,293,260
Income tax expense	(196,568)	-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR	4,436,259	3,540,877	2,293,260

DIVIDENDS

The Group is a not-for-profit organisation and is prevented by its constitution from paying dividends.

EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO REPORTING DATE

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the Directors, to affect significantly the operations of the Group, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Group in future financial years.

LIKELY DEVELOPMENTS

Information about likely developments in the operations of the Group and the expected results of those operations in future financial years has not been included in this report because disclosure of the information would be likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the Group.

INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE OF OFFICERS AND AUDITORS

The Group has provided for and paid premiums during the year for Directors' and officers' liability and legal expenses insurance contracts.

The insurance premiums relate to:

- Costs and expenses incurred by the relevant officers in defending proceedings, whether civil or criminal and whatever their outcome.
- Other liabilities that may arise from their position, with the exception of conduct involving a wilful breach of duty or improper use of information or position to gain a personal advantage.

The Directors have not included details of the nature of the liabilities covered or the amount of the premiums paid in respect of the Directors and officers liability and legal expenses insurance contracts, as such disclosure is prohibited under the terms of the contract.

MEMBERSHIP

The Group is a public company limited by guarantee and without share capital. In accordance with the constitution of the Group, every member of the Group undertakes to contribute an amount limited to \$5 per member in the event of the winding up of the Group during the time he or she is a member or within one year thereafter. The total amount that members of the Group are liable to contribute if the Group is wound up is \$195 (2024: \$195).

	2025	2024
Number of members at 31 October	39	39

PROCEEDINGS ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP

There are no current proceedings on behalf of the Group.

LEAD AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

The Lead auditor's independence declaration is set out on page 151 and forms part of the Directors report for the financial year ended 31 October 2025.

This report is made out in accordance with a resolution of the Directors:


Carolyn Campbell Chair

Dated at Sydney this 19th day of December 2025

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 October 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
Revenue	4	58,359,687	52,449,180
Cost of sales		(2,288,790)	(689,275)
GROSS SURPLUS		56,070,897	51,759,905
Centre of Excellence - tenants		386,953	380,873
Centre of Excellence - field hire		154,455	127,029
Depreciation and amortisation expenses		(1,164,412)	(1,121,046)
Development expenses		(10,144,767)	(9,024,991)
Employee expenses	5	(12,853,677)	(11,329,118)
Equipment maintenance expenses		(489,349)	(411,489)
General expenses		(926,031)	(993,684)
Corporate events expenses		(489,616)	(483,954)
Occupancy expenses		(1,441,435)	(1,032,973)
Professional services expenses		(1,238,090)	(1,334,712)
Referee and game expenses		(22,049,142)	(18,705,772)
Sponsorship expenses		(1,828,811)	(1,637,082)
Telecommunications expenses		(796,816)	(696,163)
SURPLUS FROM OPERATIONS		3,190,159	5,496,823
Financing income	6	1,498,644	1,118,028
Financing expenses	6	(55,976)	(59,975)
NET FINANCE INCOME		1,442,668	1,058,053
SURPLUS BEFORE INCOME TAX		4,632,827	6,554,876
Income tax expense	7	(196,568)	-
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		4,436,259	6,554,876
Other comprehensive income		-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		4,436,259	6,554,876
SURPLUS FOR THE PERIOD ATTRIBUTED TO:			
Owners of the Company		4,095,014	6,554,876
Non-controlling interests		341,245	-
		4,436,259	6,554,876

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 October 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	8	12,547,890	12,111,655
Trade and other receivables	9	1,283,279	360,401
Inventories		17,216	44,316
Prepayments		927,708	1,048,664
Accrued revenue	10	727,371	503,764
Financial assets	11	18,743,557	16,612,684
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		34,247,021	30,681,484
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	12	21,694,380	21,916,735
Intangible assets	13	1,237,224	4
Financial assets	11	1,500,000	-
Deferred tax asset	7	87,997	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		24,519,601	21,916,739
TOTAL ASSETS		58,766,622	52,598,223
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	14	3,782,910	3,341,450
Deferred centre of excellence funding	15	300,000	300,000
Deferred revenue		4,365,593	3,488,259
Employee benefits	16	2,579,364	2,172,227
Lease liability	15	278,290	272,312
Current tax liabilities		154,205	-
Borrowings		14,639	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		11,475,001	9,574,248
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions	17	2,509,023	2,478,438
Deferred centre of excellence funding	15	675,000	975,000
Employee benefits	16	328,946	294,760
Lease liability	15	482,042	437,154
Borrowings		21,405	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		4,016,416	4,185,352
TOTAL LIABILITIES		15,491,417	13,759,600
NET ASSETS		43,275,205	38,838,623
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Accumulated funds		37,285,691	33,190,677
Reserves	18	5,647,946	5,647,946
Non-controlling interest		341,568	-
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		43,275,205	38,838,623

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' FUNDS

For the year ended 31 October 2025

	Accumulated funds	Reserve	Non-controlling interest	Total equity
	\$	\$	\$	\$
BALANCE AT 1 NOVEMBER 2023				
	26,635,801	5,647,946	-	32,283,747
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME				
Surplus for the year	6,554,876	-	-	6,554,876
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	6,554,876	-	-	6,554,876
BALANCE AT 31 OCTOBER 2024	33,190,677	5,647,946	-	38,838,623
BALANCE AT 1 NOVEMBER 2024	33,190,677	5,647,946	-	38,838,623
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME				
Surplus for the year	4,095,014	-	341,245	4,436,259
Acquisition of PT Entertainment Pty Ltd	-	-	323	323
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	4,095,014	-	341,568	4,436,582
BALANCE AT 31 OCTOBER 2025	37,285,691	5,647,946	341,568	43,275,205

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 October 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Cash receipts from customers, sponsors and funders (inclusive of GST)		63,959,193	60,666,365
Cash paid to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST)		(59,359,332)	(53,556,423)
Income tax paid		(130,359)	-
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		4,469,502	7,109,942
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Interest received		1,061,391	1,074,599
Transfer of term deposit to cash and cash equivalents		469,965	839,630
Investment in debt securities		(4,085,795)	(6,019,030)
Distribution received		487,511	4,418
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment		(563,168)	(501,445)
Acquisition of PT Entertainment Pty Ltd (Net of cash acquired)		(1,110,957)	-
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(3,741,053)	(4,601,828)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Lease payments		(292,214)	(343,364)
NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES		(292,214)	(343,364)
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		436,235	2,164,750
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 November		12,111,655	9,946,905
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 31 OCTOBER	8	12,547,890	12,111,655

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 October 2025

Note 1 Reporting entity

New South Wales Rugby League Limited (the 'Company') is a 'not-for-profit' entity and a Company domiciled in Australia. The Company's registered office is 12-14 Dawn Fraser Avenue, Sydney Olympic Park, NSW, 2127.

These consolidated financial statements comprise the Company and its controlled entity (together referred to as the 'Group').

The Group is a not-for-profit entity and is primarily involved in the fostering and propagation of Rugby League in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

Note 2 Basis of preparation**a) Statement of compliance**

These consolidated financial statements are general purpose financial statements for distribution to the members and for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*. They have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures made by the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the *Corporations Act 2001*.

These consolidated financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors as of the date of the Directors Declaration.

Details of the Group's material accounting policies are included in Note 3.

b) Basis of measurement

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes.

c) Functional and presentation currency

These consolidated financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is the Group's functional currency.

d) Use of judgements and estimates

In preparing these consolidated financial statements, management has made judgements and estimates that affect the application of the Group's accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to estimates are recognised prospectively.

i. Judgement

Information about judgements made in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effects on the amounts recognised in the financial statements is included in the following notes:

- Note 3(g) lease term: whether the Group is reasonably certain to exercise extension options; and
- Note 3(c) revenue recognition: whether revenue from fostering and propagation of Rugby League in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory is recognised over time or at a point in time.

ii. Assumptions and estimate uncertainties

Information about assumptions and estimation uncertainties at 31 October 2025 that have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the next financial year is included in the following notes:

- Note 9 - measurement of ECL allowances for trade receivables and contract assets: determining loss rates;
- Note 13 - impairment test of intangible assets and goodwill: key assumptions underlying recoverable amounts; and
- Note 17 & 23 - recognition and measurement of provisions and contingencies: key assumptions about the likelihood and magnitude of an outflow of resources.

Note 3 Material accounting policies

The Group has consistently applied the following accounting policies to all periods presented in these consolidated financial statements, except if mentioned otherwise.

a) Basis of consolidation**i. Business combination**

The Group accounts for business combinations using the acquisition method when the acquired set of activities and assets meets the definition of a business and control is transferred to the Group. In determining whether a particular set of activities and assets is a business, the Group assesses whether the set of assets and activities includes, at a minimum, an input and substantive process and whether the acquired set has the ability to produce outputs.

The Group has an option to apply a 'concentration test' that permits a simplified reassessment of whether an acquired set of activities and assets is not a business. The optional concentration test is met if substantially all of the fair value of the gross assets acquired is concentrated in a single identifiable asset or group of similar identifiable assets.

The consideration transferred in the acquisition is generally measured at fair value, as are the identifiable net assets acquired. Any goodwill that arises is tested annually for impairment. Any gain on a bargain purchase is recognised in profit or loss immediately. Transaction costs are expenses

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 October 2025

Note 3 Material accounting policies (continued)**a) Basis of consolidation (continued)****i. Business combination (continued)**

as incurred, except if related to the issue of debt or equity securities.

Any contingent consideration is measured at fair value at the date of acquisition. If an obligation to pay contingent consideration that meets the definition of a financial instrument is classified as equity, then it is not remeasured, and settlement is accounted for within equity. Otherwise, other contingent consideration is remeasured at fair value at each reporting date and subsequent changes in the fair value of the contingent consideration are recognised in profit or loss.

ii. Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are entities controlled by the Group. The Group 'controls' an entity when it is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. The financial statements of subsidiaries are included in the consolidated financial statements from the date on which control commences until the date on which control ceases.

b) Foreign currency**Foreign currency transactions**

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into the respective functional currencies of Group companies at the exchange rates at the dates of the transactions.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into the functional currency at the exchange rate at the reporting date. Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated into the functional currency at the exchange rate when the fair value was determined. Non-monetary items that are measured based on historical cost in a foreign currency are translated at the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Foreign currency differences are generally recognised in profit or loss and presented within finance costs.

c) Revenue from contracts with customers**Revenue recognition principles**

Revenue is measured based on the consideration specified in a contract with a customer. The Group recognises revenue when it transfers control over a good or service to a customer. The customer for these contracts is the fund provider.

Revenue is recognised by applying the five-step model as follows:

- Identify the contract with the customer;
- Identify the performance obligations;
- Determine the transaction price;
- Allocate the transaction price; and
- Recognise revenue.

i. Grant income / sponsorship

Grant and sponsorship income arising from an agreement which contains enforceable and sufficiently specific performance obligations is recognised when control of each performance obligation is satisfied. This is generally the case for the monies received from operating grants.

The performance obligations are varied based on the agreement but primarily relate to the Group's operations. Program funding, grants and subsidies and cost recovery revenue represents revenue for ongoing funding and specific purposes. These are recognised as income through profit or loss in the period to which the funding relates to the extent that expenditure has been incurred in accordance with the terms and conditions attaching to individual program funding and grants.

Within grant agreements, there may be some performance obligations where control transfers at a point in time and others which have continuous transfer of control over the life of the contract.

Where the control is transferred over time, generally the revenue is recognised based on either cost or time incurred which best reflects the transfer of control.

ii. Rental revenue

Rental income is recognised on a straight line basis over the term of the lease, except when an alternative basis is more representative of the pattern of services rendered through the provision of the leased premises. Tenants are invoiced per contractual arrangements and revenue is recognised over the period.

iii. Gate / ticketing receipts, corporate events, royalty and insurance revenue

Revenue from services rendered represents revenue earned from the Group's trading activities, including sponsorship, funding, gate/ticketing receipts, corporate events and royalties revenue. Revenue is recognised through profit or loss when it is earned. Revenue is accrued when earned to the extent it is quantifiable and can be reliably estimated. The extent of disputes over the rights to sources of revenue is a critical judgement in applying this accounting policy in the financial statements. Where disputes are known, these are disclosed as contingent liabilities from Note 21.

iv. Sale of goods

Revenue from the sale of goods, comprising primarily coaching manuals and videos, is recognised through profit or loss when the significant risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred to the buyer.

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Note 3 Material accounting policies (continued)

c) Revenue from contracts with customers (continued)

v. Centre of Excellence funding

Tenant contributions to the construction of the Centre of Excellence are recognised as revenue on a straight line basis over the term of the lease which will be entered into between the Group and the Tenant.

vi. Production revenue

Revenue is recognised at a point in time when the service is provided.

vii. Streaming revenue

Revenue is recognised overtime as the service is being provided to customer over the course of the subscribed period.

AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-profit entities

i. Capital grant

Capital grants received under an enforceable agreement to enable the Group to acquire or construct an item of property, plant and equipment to identified specifications which will be controlled by the Group (once complete) are recognised as revenue as and when the obligation to construct or purchase is completed.

For construction projects, this is generally as the construction progresses in accordance with costs incurred since this is deemed to be the most appropriate measure of the completeness of the construction project as there is no profit margin.

ii. Donations, fundraising and bequests

Donations, fundraising and bequests collected, including cash and goods for resale, are recognised as revenue when the Group gains control of the asset.

iii. In-kind donations

Services donated are included at the fair value to the Group where this can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost. No amounts are included in the financial report for services donated by volunteers.

iv. Grant revenue

Non-reciprocal grant revenue is recognised in profit or loss when the entity obtains control of the grant and it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the grant will flow to the entity and the amount of the grant can be measured reliably.

If conditions are attached to the grant which must be satisfied before it is eligible to receive the contribution, the recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

When grant revenue is received whereby the entity incurs an obligation to deliver economic value directly back to the contributor, this is considered a reciprocal transaction and

the grant revenue is recognised in the statement of financial position as a liability until the service has been delivered to the contributor, otherwise the grant is recognised as income on receipt.

The Group receives non-reciprocal contributions of assets from the government and other parties for zero or a nominal value. These assets are recognised at fair value on the date of acquisition in the statement of financial position with a corresponding amount of income recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

d) Income tax

Income tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. It is recognised in profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to a business combination, or items recognised directly in equity or in other comprehensive income (OCI).

The Group has determined that interest and penalties related to income taxes, including uncertain tax treatments do not meet the definition of income taxes, and therefore accounted for them under AASB 137 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets.

i. Current tax

Current tax comprises the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year and any adjustment to the tax payable or receivable in respect of previous years. The amount of current tax payable or receivable is the best estimate of the tax amount expected to be paid or received that reflects uncertainty related to income taxes, if any. It is measured using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date. Current tax also including any tax arising from dividends.

Current tax assets and liabilities are offset only if certain criteria are met.

ii. Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. Deferred tax is not recognised for:

- temporary differences on the initial recognition of assets or liabilities in a transaction that:
 - is not a business combination; and
 - at the time of the transaction (i) affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss and (ii) does not give rise to equal taxable and deductible temporary differences;
- temporary differences related to investments in subsidiaries and associates to the extent that the Group is able to control the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences and it is probable that they will not reverse in the foreseeable future; and
- taxable temporary differences arising on the initial recognition of goodwill.

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Note 3 Material accounting policies (continued)

d) Income tax (continued)

ii. Deferred tax (continued)

Deferred tax assets are recognised for unused tax losses, unused tax credits and deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be used. Future taxable profits are determined based on the reversal of relevant taxable temporary differences. If the amount of taxable temporary differences is insufficient to recognise a deferred tax asset in full, then future taxable profits, adjusted for reversals of existing temporary differences, are considered, based on the business plans for individual subsidiaries in the Group. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised; such reductions are reversed when the probability of future taxable profits improves.

Unrecognised deferred tax assets are reassessed at each reporting date and recognised to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be used.

Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to be applied to temporary differences when they reverse, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date, and reflects uncertainty related to income taxes, if any.

The measurement of deferred tax reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Group expects, at the reporting date, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset only if certain criteria are met.

e) Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The cost of inventories is based on the first-in, first-out principle. In the case of manufactured inventories, cost includes an appropriate share of production overheads based on normal operating capacity.

f) Property, plant and equipment

i. Recognition and measurement

Items of property, plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

When parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items (major components) of property, plant and equipment.

Any gain or loss on disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment (calculated as the difference between the net proceeds from disposal and the carrying amount of the item) is recognised in profit or loss.

ii. Subsequent expenditure

Subsequent expenditure is capitalised only when it is probable that the future economic benefits associated with the expenditure will flow to the Group. Ongoing repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred.

iii. Depreciation

Items of property, plant and equipment are depreciated from the date that they are installed and are ready for use, or in respect of internally constructed assets, from the date that the asset is completed and ready for use.

Depreciation is calculated to write-off the cost of property, plant and equipment less their estimated residual values using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives. Depreciation is generally recognised in profit or loss, unless the amount is included in the carrying amount of another asset.

The estimated useful lives for the current and comparative years of significant items of property, plant and equipment are as follows:

Leasehold improvements
10 years
Furniture and fittings
5 - 10 years
Motor vehicles
4 years
Computer equipment
3 - 5 years

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted if appropriate.

g) Leases

At inception of a contract, the Group assesses whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

i. As a lessee

At commencement or on modification of a contract that contains a lease component, the Group allocates the consideration in the contract to each lease component on the basis of its relative stand-alone prices. However, for leases of property the Group has elected not to separate non-lease components and account for the lease and non-lease components as a single lease component.

The Group recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the lease commencement date. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, plus any initial direct costs incurred and an estimate of costs to

dismantle and remove the underlying asset or to restore the underlying asset or the site on which it is located, less any lease incentives received.

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Note 3 Material accounting policies (continued)

g) Leases (continued)

The right-of-use asset is subsequently depreciated using the straight-line method from the commencement date to the end of the lease term, unless the lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset to the Group by the end of the lease term or the cost of the right-of-use asset reflects that the Group will exercise a purchase option. In that case, the right-of-use asset will be depreciated over the useful life of the underlying asset, which is determined on the same basis as those of property and equipment. In addition, the right-of-use asset is periodically reduced by impairment losses, if any, and adjusted for certain remeasurements of the lease liability.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the Group's incremental borrowing rate. Generally, the Group uses its incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate.

The Group determines its incremental borrowing rate by obtaining interest rates from various external financing sources and makes certain adjustments to reflect the terms of the lease and type of the asset leased.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability comprise the following:

- fixed payments, including in-substance fixed payments;
- variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate as at the commencement date;
- amounts expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee; and
- the exercise price under a purchase option that the Group is reasonably certain to exercise, lease payments in an optional renewal period if the Group is reasonably certain to exercise an extension option, and penalties for early termination of a lease unless the Group is reasonably certain not to terminate early.

The lease liability is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. It is remeasured when there is a change in future lease payments arising from a change in an index or rate, if there is a change in the Group's estimate of the amount expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee, if the Group changes its assessment of whether it will exercise a purchase, extension or termination option or if there is a revised in-substance fixed lease payment.

When the lease liability is remeasured in this way, a corresponding adjustment is made to the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset, or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero.

The Group presents right-of-use assets that do not meet the definition of investment property and lease liabilities in the consolidated statement of financial position.

ii. As a lessor

At inception or on modification of a contract that contains a lease component, the Group allocates the consideration in the contract to each lease component on the basis of their relative stand-alone prices.

When the Group acts as a lessor, it determines at lease inception whether each lease is a finance lease or an operating lease.

To classify each lease, the Group makes an overall assessment of whether the lease transfers substantially all of the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the underlying asset. If this is the case, then the lease is a finance lease; if not, then it is an operating lease. As part of this assessment, the Group considers certain indicators such as whether the lease is for the major part of the economic life of the asset.

When the Group is an intermediate lessor, it accounts for its interests in the head lease and the sub-lease separately. It assesses the lease classification of a sub-lease with reference to the right-of-use asset arising from the head lease, not with reference to the underlying asset. If a head lease is a short-term lease to which the Group applies the exemption described above, then it classifies the sub-lease as an operating lease.

If an arrangement contains lease and non-lease components, then the Group applies *AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers* to allocate the consideration in the contract.

The Group applies the derecognition and impairment requirements in *AASB 9 Financial Instruments* to the net investment in the lease. The Group further regularly reviews estimated unguaranteed residual values used in calculating the gross investment in the lease.

iii. Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

The Group has elected not to recognise right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for short-term leases of office equipment that have a lease term of 12 months or less and leases of low-value assets. The Group recognises the lease payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

h) Financial instruments

i. Recognition and initial measurement

Trade receivables and debt securities issued are initially recognised when they are originated. All other financial assets and financial liabilities are initially recognised when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

A financial asset (unless it is a trade receivable without a significant financing component) or financial liability is initially measured at fair value plus, for an item not at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL), transaction costs that are directly attributable to its acquisition or issue. A trade receivable without a significant financing component is initially measured at the transaction price.

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Note 3 Material accounting policies (continued)

h) Financial instruments (continued)

ii. Classification and subsequent measurement

Financial assets

On initial recognition, a financial asset is classified as measured at amortised cost or FVTPL.

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the Group changes its business model for managing financial assets, in which case all affected financial assets are reclassified on the first day of the first reporting period following the change in the business model.

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVTPL:

- it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

Financial assets not classified as measured at amortised cost as described above are measured at FVTPL. On initial recognition, the Group may irrevocably designate a financial asset that otherwise meets the requirements to be measured at amortised cost as at FVTPL if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch that would otherwise arise.

Financial assets - subsequent measurement and gains and losses

Financial assets at FVTPL

These assets are subsequently measured at fair value. Net gains and losses, including any interest or dividend income, are recognised in profit or loss.

Financial assets at amortised cost

These assets are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The amortised cost is reduced by impairment losses. Interest income, foreign exchange gains and losses and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Any gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in profit or loss.

Financial liabilities - classification, subsequent measurement and gains and losses

Financial liabilities are classified as measured at amortised cost or FVTPL. A financial liability is classified as at FVTPL if it is classified as held-for-trading. Financial liabilities at FVTPL are measured at fair value and net gains and losses, including any interest expense, are recognised in profit or loss. Other financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Interest expense and foreign exchange gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss. Any gain or loss on derecognition is also recognised in profit or loss.

i. Derecognition

Financial assets

The Group derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows in a transaction in which substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred or in which the Group neither transfers nor retains substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership and it does not retain control of the financial asset.

The Group enters into transactions whereby it transfers assets recognised in its statement of financial position, but retains either all or substantially all of the risks and rewards of the transferred assets. In these cases, the transferred assets are not derecognised.

Financial liabilities

The Group derecognises a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged or cancelled, or expire. The Group also derecognises a financial liability when its terms are modified and the cash flows of the modified liability are substantially different, in which case a new financial liability based on the modified terms is recognised at fair value.

On derecognition of a financial liability, the difference between the carrying amount extinguished and the consideration paid (including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed) is recognised in profit or loss.

ii. Offsetting

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Group currently has a legally enforceable right to set off the amounts and it intends either to settle them on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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Note 3 Material accounting policies (continued)

i) Employee benefits

i. Short-term employee benefits

Short-term employee benefits are expensed as the related service is provided. A liability is recognised for the amount expected to be paid if the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation to pay this amount as a result of past service provided by the employee and the obligation can be estimated reliably

ii. Defined contribution plans

Obligations for contributions to defined contribution plans are expenses as the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or a reduction in future payments is available.

iii. Other long-term employee benefits

The Group's net obligation in respect of long-term employee benefits is the amount of future benefit that employees have earned in return for their service in the current and prior periods. That benefit is discounted to determine its present value. Remeasurements are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise.

j) Intangibles

i. Recognition and measurement

Other intangible assets

Other intangible assets, including customer relationships, patents and trademarks, that are acquired by the Group and have finite useful lives are measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses

ii. Subsequent expenditure

Subsequent expenditure is capitalised only when it increases the future economic benefits embodied in the specific asset to which it relates. All other expenditure, including expenditure on internally generated goodwill and brands, is recognised in profit or loss as incurred.

iii. Amortisation

Amortisation is calculated to write off the cost of intangible assets less their estimated residual values using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives and is generally recognised in profit or loss. Estimated useful lives are assessed in reference to contractual rights and other associated factors to the underlying cashflows that will be generated by these assets.

The estimated useful lives for current periods are as follows:

Blatchy's Blues brand
3 years

Amortisation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted if appropriate.

k) Finance income and finance costs

The Group's finance income and finance costs include:

- interest income; and
- interest expense.

Interest income or expense is recognised using the effective interest method.

The 'effective interest rate' is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument to:

- the gross carrying amount of the financial asset; or
- the amortised cost of the financial liability.

In calculating interest income and expense, the effective interest rate is applied to the gross carrying amount of the asset (when the asset is not credit-impaired) or to the amortised cost of the liability. However, for financial assets that have become credit impaired subsequent to initial recognition, interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the amortised cost of the financial asset. If the asset is no longer credit-impaired, then the calculation of interest income reverts to the gross basis.

l) Provisions

Provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as finance cost.

i. Playing field 10 year resurfacings

Every ten years, NSWRL is required by their contract to resurface the turf of the Playing Field attached to the Centre of Excellence (COE). Over every ten years, the make good asset and provision is wound down.

ii. 40 year make good provision

Similar to the Playing Field 10 year resurfacings, the 40 year make good asset and provision is wound down over the entire term as NSWRL is obligated to restore the Playing Field before returning to the lessor.

m) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

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Note 3 Material accounting policies (continued)

m) Goods and services tax (GST) (continued)

Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as a current asset or liability in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are included in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority are classified as operating cash flows.

n) Impairment

i. Financial assets

Non-derivative financial assets

Financial assets not classified as at fair value through profit or loss, including an interest in an equity accounted investee, are assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is objective evidence that it is impaired. Objective evidence that financial assets are impaired includes:

- default or delinquency by a debtor;
- restructuring of an amount due to the Group on terms that the Group would not consider otherwise;
- indications that a debtor or issuer will enter bankruptcy;
- adverse changes in the payment status of borrowers or issuers;
- the disappearance of an active market for a security; or
- observable data indicating that there is measurable decrease in expected cash flows from a group of financial assets.

Financial assets at amortised cost

The Group considers evidence of impairment for financial assets at both a specific asset and collective level. All individually significant assets are assessed for specific impairment. Those found not to be specifically impaired are then collectively assessed for any impairment that has been incurred but not yet identified. Assets that are not individually significant are collectively assessed for impairment by grouping together assets with similar risk characteristics.

In assessing collective impairment, the Group uses historical information on the timing of recoveries and the amount of loss incurred and make an adjustment if current economic and credit conditions are such that the actual losses are likely to be greater or less than suggested by historical trends.

An impairment loss is calculated as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. Losses are recognised in profit or loss and reflected in an allowance account. When the Group considers that there are no realistic prospects of recovery of the asset, the relevant amounts are written off. If the amount of impairment loss subsequently decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, then the previously recognised impairment loss is reversed through profit or loss.

ii. Non-financial assets

At each reporting date, the Group reviews the carrying amounts of its non-financial assets (other than inventories, contract assets and deferred tax assets) to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. Indefinite life intangible assets are tested annually for impairment.

For impairment testing, assets are grouped together into the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows from continuing use that are largely independent of the cash inflows of other assets or cash generating units (CGUs).

The recoverable amount of an asset or CGU is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs to sell. Value in use is based on the estimated future cash flows, discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset or CGU.

An impairment loss is recognised if the carrying amount of an asset or CGU exceeds its recoverable amount.

Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. They are allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the CGU, and then to reduce the carrying amounts of the other assets in the CGU on a pro rata basis.

An impairment loss in respect of goodwill is not reversed. For other assets, an impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised.

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Note 4 Revenue

The Group generates revenue primarily from the fostering and propagation of Rugby League in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
REVENUE		
Sponsorship and marketing revenue	10,482,485	9,028,734
ARLC Funding – NSWRL	17,746,833	19,900,386
Elite pathways funding	6,825,000	4,550,000
Other grant and subsidies	1,722,126	1,874,064
Blatchys Blues & related revenue	1,208,976	1,104,824
Royalties revenue	1,620,020	1,356,846
Recovered insurance costs	4,630,057	4,384,210
Recovered costs - football games	8,553,184	8,213,641
Other revenue	1,838,103	1,664,204
Streaming revenue	3,732,903	372,271
TOTAL REVENUE	58,359,687	52,449,180

Note 5 Employee expenses

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Salaries and wages	10,517,207	9,260,564
Superannuation contributions	1,141,471	949,445
Other employment expenses	1,194,999	1,119,109
TOTAL EMPLOYEE EXPENSES	12,853,677	11,329,118

Note 6 Net finance income

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
FINANCING INCOME		
Interest income on cash balances and call deposits	996,090	1,104,973
Unrealised fair value gain	15,043	13,055
Distribution income	487,511	-
TOTAL FINANCING INCOME	1,498,644	1,118,028
FINANCING EXPENSES		
Interest on financing arrangements	(55,976)	(59,975)
TOTAL FINANCING EXPENSES	(55,976)	(59,975)
TOTAL NET FINANCE INCOME	1,442,668	1,058,053

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Note 7 Income tax

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
a) Amounts recognised in profit or loss		
CURRENT TAX EXPENSE		
Current year	284,565	284,565
DEFERRED TAX EXPENSE		
Origination and reversal of temporary differences	(87,997)	(87,997)
TAX EXPENSE ON CONTINUING OPERATIONS	196,568	196,568

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
b) Reconciliation of effective tax rate		
Profit before tax	4,436,259	4,436,259
Income tax using the Company's statutory income tax rate of 30% (2024: 30%)	1,330,878	1,330,878
Tax effect of:		
Tax-exempt income	(1,134,310)	(1,134,310)
	196,568	196,568

			Balance	at 31 October
	Net balane at 1 November	Recognised in profit or loss	Net	Deferred tax assets
		\$	\$	\$
c) Deferred tax assets \$				
2025				
Property, plant and equipment -	-	2,506	2,506	2,506
Provisions -	-	82,072	82,072	82,072
Employee benefits -	-	3,419	3,419	3,419
NET TAX ASSETS -	-	87,997	87,997	87,997

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Note 8 Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position and in the statement of cash flows comprises of belowy.

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Cash at bank and on hand	1,230,042	302,003
Short term deposits at call	11,317,848	11,809,652
TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	12,547,890	12,111,655
	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Note 9 Trade and other receivables		
Trade receivables	1,413,966	280,481
Impairment losses recognised	(130,687)	(124,105)
Other receivables	-	204,025
TOTAL TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES	1,283,279	360,401
	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Note 10 Accrued revenue		
Accrued interest	219,772	285,073
Accrued lease income	-	150,000
Others	507,599	68,691
TOTAL ACCRUED REVENUE	727,371	503,764
	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Note 11 Financial assets		
CURRENT		
Term deposits	10,110,634	10,580,599
Debt securities	8,632,923	6,032,085
TOTAL CURRENT	18,743,557	16,612,684
NON-CURRENT		
Debt securities	1,500,000	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT	1,500,000	-

Term deposits have interest rates of 3.80% to 4.75% and mature within from 3-12 months.

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Note 12 Property, plant and equipment

	Leasehold improvement*	Furniture and fittings	Office machinery*	Motor vehicles*	Computer and coaching equipment	Land and buildings	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
BALANCE AT 1 NOVEMBER 2024							
Gross carrying amount	2,107,149	100,700	136,845	1,596,208	572,674	24,451,550	28,965,126
Accumulated depreciation and impairment losses	(1,961,577)	(63,065)	(64,435)	(618,906)	(425,324)	(3,915,084)	(7,048,391)
NET CARRYING AMOUNT 31 OCTOBER 2024	145,572	37,635	72,410	977,302	147,350	20,536,466	21,916,735
Additions	18,182	8,907	-	300,254	235,825	-	563,168
Acquisition through business combination	31,161	227	36,390	46,556	951	-	115,285
Depreciation	(83,153)	(12,884)	(30,131)	(270,198)	(90,341)	(677,705)	(1,164,412)
Disposals - cost	-	-	-	(115,713)	-	-	(115,713)
Disposals - depreciation offset	-	-	-	83,691	-	-	83,691
Recognition of AASB16 leases	295,626	-	-	-	-	-	295,626
NET CARRYING AMOUNT AT 31 OCTOBER 2025	407,388	33,885	78,669	1,021,892	293,785	19,858,761	21,694,380
BALANCE AT 31 OCTOBER 2025							
Gross carrying amount	2,452,118	109,834	173,235	1,910,996	809,450	24,451,550	29,907,183
Accumulated depreciation and impairment losses	(2,044,730)	(75,949)	(94,566)	(889,104)	(515,665)	(4,592,789)	(8,212,803)
NET CARRYING AMOUNT AT 31 OCTOBER 2025	407,388	33,885	78,669	1,021,892	293,785	19,858,761	21,694,380

*Property, plant and equipment includes right-of-use related to leased assets. See Note 15

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Note 13 Intangible assets

	Goodwill	Digital application	Total
	\$	\$	\$
BALANCE AT 1 NOVEMBER 2024			
Gross carrying amount	4	441,500	441,504
Accumulated amortisation	-	(441,500)	(441,500)
	4	-	4
Additions	-	-	-
Acquisition through business combination	1,237,220	-	1,237,220
	1,237,224	-	1,237,224
BALANCE AT 31 OCTOBER 2025			
Gross carrying amount	1,237,224	441,500	1,678,724
Accumulated amortisation	-	(441,500)	(441,500)
NET CARRYING AMOUNT AT 31 OCTOBER 2025	1,237,224	-	1,237,224

Note 14 Trade and other payables

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Trade payables	579,985	493,965
Other payables and accrued expenses	3,202,925	2,847,485
TOTAL TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES	3,782,910	3,341,450

Note 15 Leases

a) Leases as lessee

i. Right-of-use assets

Right-of-use assets related to leased properties are presented as property, plant and equipment

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
BALANCE AT 1 NOVEMBER		
	20,612,953	21,319,754
Recognition of right-of-use assets	295,626	225,308
Depreciation charge for the year	(949,918)	(932,109)
Acquisition through business combination	31,161	-
BALANCE AT 31 OCTOBER	19,989,822	20,612,953
	2025	2024
	\$	\$
ii. Lease liabilities		
Current	278,290	272,312
Non-current	482,042	437,154
	760,332	709,466

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Note 15 Leases (continued)

At the end of the reporting period, the future minimum payments from the above is as follows:

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Less than one year	283,613	265,736
One to five years	514,258	453,561
	797,871	719,297

	2025	2024
	\$	\$

iii. Amounts recognised in profit or loss

Interest expense on lease liabilities	17,127	24,667
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	2025	2024
	\$	\$

iv. Amounts recognised in cash flows

Total cash outflows from leases	292,214	343,364
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b) Leases as lessor Finance lease

The tenants leasing office space in the Centre of Excellence from NSWRL all had paid upfront the full amount of their respective lease. This amount has been recorded as deferred income and will unwind over the life of the tenants' lease term. Therefore, NSWRL has a nil lease receivable and is not expecting to receive additional contributions as at 31 October 2025.

Under AASB16 Leases, it is required that the right of use asset of all subleases that fall under the category of "finance leases" be offset against the recorded right of use from the head lease. Therefore, the Group has derecognised this portion from land and buildings amount under property, plant and equipment.

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Opening deferred tenant income	1,275,000	1,575,000
COE funding recognised in profit or loss	(300,000)	(300,000)
	975,000	1,275,000

During the year the Group recognised \$386,953 in relation to COE tenants income which is made up of \$300,000 funding and \$86,953 of COE levies charged to tenants during the year.

At the end of the reporting period, the future minimum recognition of tenant financial contributions from the above is as follows:

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Within one year	300,000	300,000
One to five years	675,000	975,000
	975,000	1,275,000

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Note 16 Employee benefits

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Salaries and wages accrued	468,830	466,672
Superannuation accrued	150,941	142,137
Liability for annual leave	1,212,837	974,999
Liability for long service leave	746,756	588,419
TOTAL CURRENT	2,579,364	2,172,227
NON-CURRENT		
Liability for long service leave	328,946	294,760
TOTAL NON-CURRENT	328,946	294,760

Note 17 Provisions

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Make good provisions	2,509,023	2,478,438
TOTAL PROVISIONS	2,509,023	2,478,438

Make good
provision
\$

A reconciliation of provisions is provided below:

BALANCE AT 1 NOVEMBER 2024

2,478,438

Provisions made during the year

30,585

BALANCE AT 31 OCTOBER 2025

2,509,023

Note 18 Reserves

The merger of Country Rugby League (CRL) and New South Wales Rugby League (NSWRL) in 2020 was accounted for as a common control transaction. As a consequence, the difference between the fair value of the consideration paid and the existing book values of assets and liabilities of CRL were debited to a common control reserve, directly within equity. Upon disposal of all interests in CRL by the Group this reserve would be transferred to accumulated funds.

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Note 19 Financial instruments

- a) Exposure to credit risk and approach for assessment of impairment losses
Exposure to credit and interest rate risks arises in the normal course of the Group's business.
Derivative financial instruments are not used to hedge exposure to fluctuations in interest rates.

At balance sheet date were no significant concentrations of credit risk. The maximum exposure to credit risk is represented by the carrying amount of each financial asset in the balance sheet.

		2025	2024
	Note	\$	\$
FINANCIAL ASSETS MEASURED AT AMORTISED COST			
Cash and cash equivalents	8	12,547,890	12,111,655
Trade and other receivables	9	1,283,279	360,401
Financial assets	11	20,243,557	16,612,684
		34,074,726	29,084,740

FINANCIAL ASSETS MEASURED AT AMORTISED COST

Trade and other payables	14	3,782,910	3,341,450
		3,782,910	3,341,450

b) Fair values versus carrying values

The fair values of financial assets and liabilities are equivalent to the carrying amounts shown in the balance sheet.

c) Liquidity risk

The following are the contractual maturities of financial liabilities, including estimated interest payments and excluding the impact of netting agreements:

	Carrying amount	Contractual cash flows	12 months or less
	\$	\$	\$
Non-derivative financial liabilities			
31 OCTOBER 2025			
Trade and other payables	3,782,910	3,782,910	3,782,910
31 OCTOBER 2024			
Trade and other payables	3,341,450	3,341,450	3,341,450

Note 20 Commitments

As at 31 October 2025, there existed no commitments for the Group (2024: \$Nil).

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Note 21 List of subsidiaries
Set out below is a list of material subsidiaries of the Group.

Name	Country of incorporation	Ownership (%)
PT Entertainment Pty Ltd	Australia	54

Note 22 Related parties
Transactions with key management personnel

i. Key management personnel compensation
Key management personnel compensation comprised short-term employee benefits, post-employment benefits and other long-term benefits.

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Total key management personnel compensation	888,754	931,421

Apart from the details disclosed in this note, no director has entered into a material contract with the Group since the end of the previous financial year and there were no material contracts involving directors' interests existing at year-end.

ii. Key management personnel transactions

The following were key management personnel of the Group at any time during the reporting period, and unless otherwise indicated were key management personnel for the entire period:

Chief Executive
David Trodden

Non-Executive Directors
John Anderson OAM
Robert Walsh
Terence Brady
The Hon. Kevin Greene AM
Joe Kelly
Carolyn Campbell (Chairman)
Paul Conlon (resigned 19 February 2025)
Tarsha Gale (appointed 25 February 2025)

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Note 23 Contingencies

a) Contingent liabilities and contingent assets

The Directors are of the opinion that provisions are not required in respect of the below matters, as it is not probable that a future sacrifice of economic benefit will be required.

b) Contingent liabilities not considered remote

Guarantees
The Group has guaranteed the repayment of the following bank facilities should they be called upon:

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Elobay Pty Limited	17,421	17,421
Pildra Properties Pty Ltd	15,283	-

The Group holds a lease agreement with the Minister of Education which expires on 31 December 2040. Under the terms of the lease agreement, the Group may be required to make good in respect of the Narrabeen Academy site on the termination of the lease. The Directors do not believe that it is probable that a future outflow of economic benefits will be required on termination and accordingly a provision for make good has not been provided for within the annual financial report.

The usage of the Narrabeen premises was revised, which is under ongoing review. An onerous contract provision of \$200,000 has been taken up in 2016 in respect of ongoing costs to be incurred over the life of the lease.

There are no further contingent assets or liabilities at 31 October 2025.



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Note 24 Acquisition of subsidiary

On 15 April 2025, New South Wales Rugby League Limited (NSWRL) acquired 54% of the shares and voting interests in PT Entertainment Pty Ltd (PTE) for a total cash consideration of \$1,237,599.

The acquisition forms part of NSWRL's strategic plan to broaden its operational capabilities and leverage PTE's expertise in content streaming and distribution. The Group also expects to reduce costs through economies of scale.

This acquisition grants NSWRL control over PTE, which will now be consolidated into the Group's financial statements effective from the acquisition date. The acquisition is expected to enhance revenue growth and operational efficiencies for NSWRL.

The following table summarises the recognised amounts of assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of acquisition.

	Note	15 April 2025
Property, plant and equipment	11	115,285
Current tax receivable		29,612
Trade and other receivables		349,768
Cash and cash equivalents		126,642
Loans and borrowings		(66,870)
Lease liabilities		(33,150)
Trade and other payables		(304,401)
Employee benefits		(216,184)
TOTAL IDENTIFIABLE NET ASSETS ACQUIRED		702

Goodwill arising from the acquisition has been recognised as follows:

	Note	15-April 2025
Consideration transferred		1,237,599
Non-controlling interest		323
Identifiable net assets		(702)
GOODWILL	13	1,237,220

Note 25 Auditor's remuneration

	2025 \$	2024 \$
AUDIT SERVICES		
Audit of financial statements	65,000	57,000
	65,000	57,000
OTHER SERVICES		
Compilation of financial statements	8,360	5,000
	8,360	5,000
	73,360	62,000

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Note 26 Parent entity disclosures

As at, and throughout, the financial year ended 31 October 2025 the parent entity of the Group was New South Wales Rugby League Limited.

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Results of parent entity		
Surplus for the period	4,004,175	6,554,785
Other comprehensive income	-	-
	4,004,175	6,554,785
Financial position of parent entity at year end		
Current assets	33,179,849	30,580,927
Non-current assets	24,355,160	21,961,055
TOTAL ASSETS	57,535,009	52,541,982
Current liabilities	9,193,129	8,091,745
Non-current liabilities	5,499,083	5,611,615
TOTAL LIABILITIES	14,692,212	13,703,360
Total equity of the parent entity comprising of:		
Accumulated funds	37,194,853	33,190,678
Reserves	5,647,945	5,647,945
TOTAL EQUITY	42,842,798	38,838,623

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Note 27 Material NCI

The following table summarises the information relating to each of the Group's subsidiaries that has material NCI, before any intra-group eliminations.

PT Entertainment Pty Limited	2025
	\$
NCI PERCENTAGE	
Current assets	1,365,030
Non-current assets	406,353
Current liabilities	(867,434)
Non-current liabilities	(273,479)
NET ASSETS	630,470
Net assets attributable to NCI	290,016
Revenue	3,932,898
Profit	741,837
Other comprehensive income	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	741,837
Profit allocated to NCI	341,245
OCI allocated to NCI	-
Cash flows from operating activities	2,055,970
Cash flows used in investing activities	(1,720,884)
Cash flows used in financial activities	(134,418)
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	200,668

Note 28 Subsequent events

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the directors of the Group, to affect significantly the operations of the Group, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Group in future financial years.

CONSOLIDATED ENTITY DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

For the year ended 31 October 2025

	Body corporate, partnership or trust	Place incorporated	% of share capital held directly or indirectly by the Company in the body corporate		Australian or Foreign tax resident	Jurisdiction of foreign tax residency
			2025	2024		
New South Wales Rugby League Limited	Body corporate	Australia	-	-	Australian	N/A
PT Entertainment Pty Limited	Body corporate	Australia	54%	-	Australian	N/A

Determination of tax residency

Section 295 (3A) of the *Corporations Act 2001* requires that the tax residency of each entity which is included in the Consolidated Entity Disclosure Statement (CEDS) be disclosed. In the context of an entity which was an Australian resident, "Australian resident" has the meaning provided in the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. The determination of tax residency involves judgement as the determination of tax residency is highly fact dependent and there are currently several different interpretations that could be adopted, and which could and which could rise to a different conclusion on residency.

In determining tax residency, the consolidated entity has applied the following interpretations:

Australian tax residency:

The consolidated entity has applied current legislation and judicial precedent, including having regard to the Commissioner of Taxation's public guidance in Tax Ruling TR 2018/5.



DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

In the opinion of the Directors of New South Wales Rugby League Limited (the 'Company'):

- a) The Company is not publicly accountable;
- b) The consolidated financial statements and notes that as set out on pages 124 to 149 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - i) giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 31 October 2025 and of its performance, for the financial year ended on that date; and
 - ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosure Requirements and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.
- c) the consolidated entity disclosure statement as at 31 October 2025 set out on page 149 is true and correct.
- d) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors:

Dated at Sydney this 19th day of December 2025.



Carolyn Campbell Chairman


Lead Auditor's Independence Declaration under
Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001

To the Directors of New South Wales Rugby League Limited

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit of New South Wales Rugby League Limited and its controlled entity for the financial year ended 31 October 2025 there have been:

- i. no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- ii. no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.


KPMG


Warwick Shanks

Partner

Sydney

19 December 2025

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the members of New South Wales Rugby League Limited

Opinion

We have audited the **Financial Report** of New South Wales Rugby League Limited (the Company).

In our opinion, the accompanying Financial Report of the Company gives a true and fair view, including of the **Group** 's financial position as at 31 October 2025 and of its financial performance for the year then ended, in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, in compliance with *Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

The **Financial Report** comprises:

- Consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 October 2025
- Consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, Consolidated statement of changes in members' fund, and Consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- Consolidated entity disclosure statement and accompanying basis of preparation as at 31 October 2025
- Notes, including material accounting policies
- Directors' Declaration.

The **Group** consists of the Company and the entities it controlled at the year-end or from time to time during the financial year.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with *Australian Auditing Standards*. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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 Group in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* issued by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board Limited (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the Financial Report in Australia. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

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Other Information

Other Information is financial and non-financial information in New South Wales Rugby League Limited's annual report which is provided in addition to the Financial Report and the Auditor's Report. The Directors are responsible for the Other Information.

Our opinion on the Financial Report does not cover the Other Information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the Financial Report, our responsibility is to read the Other Information. In doing so, we 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.

We are required to report if we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this Other Information and based on the work we have performed on the Other Information that we obtained prior to the date of this Auditor's Report we have nothing to report.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The Directors are responsible for:

- preparing the Financial Report in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Group, and in compliance with *Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*
- implementing necessary internal control to enable the preparation of a Financial Report in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Group, and that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error
- assessing the Group and Company's ability to continue as a going concern and whether the use of the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate. This includes disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Group and Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.





Auditor’s responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report

Our objective is:

- 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 *Australian Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error. They 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 the Financial Report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report is located at the *Auditing and Assurance Standards Board* website at: https://www.auasb.gov.au/media/apzlvn0y/ar3_2024.pdf.

This description forms part of our Auditor’s Report.



KPMG



Warwick Shanks

Partner

Sydney

19 December 2025

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Traditional Owners of the lands on which we gather and play throughout Australia.
We pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



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