



***RUGBY REFEREES  
ASSOCIATION***

# **Annual Report 2016**



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# Office Bearers 2016

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**President:**  
**Jared Clarke**



**Chairman:**  
**Ian Dallas**



**Vice President:**  
**Garratt Williamson**



**Immediate Past President:**  
**Gary Jackson**



**Secretary:**  
**Ravi Kandula**



**Treasurer:**  
**Tony Feiertag**



# Management Committee

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**Greg Binning**



**Mike Dillnott**



**Mike Pinfold**



**Bradley Hudson**



**David Walsh**



## Life Members

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D. (David) BRANT  
D.R. (Derek) BUCKLAND  
B.S. (Brian) COOMBER  
C.J. (Jack) CURSONS  
I.G. (Ian) DALLAS  
M.J. (Mike) DILNOTT  
P.R. (Pam) DILNOTT  
I.R. (Ross) EWART

G.S.P. (Gary) JACKSON  
J. (John) LOCKYER QSM  
P.A. (Peter) McDAVITT  
A.C. (Tony) MEYERS  
H. (Harry) QUINN  
J.M. (Jane) STEVENSON *JP*  
R.W.R. (Ray) STOTT *JP*  
S.J. (Stan) WRIGHT

## Honorary Vice-Presidents

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N. (Neil) ADLAM  
P.G. (Phil) HANLEN  
R. (Bob) NICHOLSON  
R. (Robert) SMITH

## Obituaries

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We record, with deep regret, the passing of:

- **Robert James Neru** on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016
  - Active Referee 2008 – 2016
- **Brian Andrew Paterson** on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016
  - Active Referee 1960's & 70's

# Notice of Annual General Meeting

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Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Wellington Rugby Referees' Association Incorporated will be held at Petone Working Men's Club, Udy Street, Petone, on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017, at 7.30p.m.

## Agenda

*Doors open at 7pm.*

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at Petone Working Men's Club on – 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016
3. Presentation of 2016 Annual Report
4. Presentation of Accounts to 31 October 2016
5. Consideration of Notices of Motion received within the Rules of the Association
6. Election of Officers and Executive Committee
7. General Business
8. Close

*Meeting concludes with some light finger food.*

# 2016 Annual General Meeting Minutes

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**Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting held at Petone Working Men's Club, Udy Street, Petone on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016.**

Meeting opened at 7:30pm

## **Present and Welcome:**

The Chairman of WRRRA, Mr. Ian Dallas welcomed all the attending members, as well as invited guests. He then acknowledged the life members present.

*Invited Guests:* Will Caccia-Birch (WRFU), Mark Brown (Who'sTheRef), David Fa'atafa  
*Life Members:* Pam Dilnott, Mike Dilnott, Jack Cursons, Peter McDavitt, Gary Jackson, Ian Dallas, Tony Meyers, Ross Ewart, Ray Stott

The following apologies were recorded: John Ballingall, Jared Clarke, Jamie Fairmaid, Nick Hogan, Michael Fraser, Tomas Roche, David Brandt, Colin Te Pohe, Scott Kennedy, Scott Marriner.

A minute silence was observed in recognition of members that passed away in 2015.

## **Previous Minutes:**

### **Notice of Motion:**

"The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015 be approved."

**Moved: Ian Dallas**

**Seconded: Warren Quennell**

**Carried**

The Chairman then spoke to the report and noted the following:

- Thank you to Ravi Kandula, Mark Fairmaid, and David Walsh for their work in compiling the Annual Report, and everyone that contributed towards it.
- The loss of principal sponsor Advantage4Me was the major issue in 2015 – Pam Dilnott's prudent management and trust funding enabled us to get through the season, and still register a small profit for the financial year.
- Members of sub-committee are working to identify potential new sponsors.
- The association is working towards registering as a donee organisation and a constitutional amendment has been proposed accordingly prior to the AGM.
- The national interchange program was largely funded by Pelorus Trust grant.
- Several new sets of communications gear and video-cameras for use by the coaching group were funded by a grant from Infinity Foundation.
- A decision was made that branding opportunities for any future sponsor will not include tracksuits and polo shirts due to the relatively longer lifespan of tracksuit compared to our on-field gear, and polos being a purchased item.



- The members are encouraged to advise the Executive of potential sponsors.
- We continue to have a positive relationship with BLK and they are willing to support us should a partial/full change of gear be required.
- Thanks once again to the Executive Committee for the work they do to keep the association in good health, as well as members that contribute regularly at training sessions and through providing coaching and mentorship.

Members from the floor then spoke to the report as follows:

- David Walsh queried why Mike Fraser and Ben O’Keeffe are not listed in our Top 5 when they are our leading referees on the world stage.
  - Ian Dallas gave a response to the effect that the Top 5 is reserved for those that referee regularly at club level. Also Mike and Ben’s achievements are acknowledged elsewhere in the Annual Report.
  - Gordon Noble-Campbell raised the point that club rugby is amateur and Mike and Ben as professional referees contracted to the NZRU are not the same category as those that referee regularly at club level.

#### **Notice of Motion:**

“That the 2015 Annual Report as presented be accepted.”

**Moved: Ian Dallas**

**Seconded: Mike Dillnott**

**Carried**

#### **Financial Report:**

- Pam Dillnott presented the financial report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October.
- Thanks to funding bodies and WRFU for continued financial support in 2015.
- The sum of uncollected travel allowance was \$6700, recorded as a donation.
- Grants are becoming increasingly difficult to secure, and thanks to Ian Dallas and Greg Binning for their efforts in this respect, as these proved essential.
- Expenditures were trimmed to operate within our reduced financial means.
  - Ian Dallas commented that the investment fund is aimed primarily at maintaining a reserve sufficient for 2-3 years of operations in the event sufficient funds can’t be secured via sponsors/grants/donors.

#### **Notice of Motion:**

“That the 2015 Financial Report as presented be accepted.”

**Moved: Pam Dillnott**

**Seconded: Peter McDavitt**

**Carried**

#### **Notice of Motion:**

“Alter the wording of the constitution as per amendments circulated prior to AGM.”

**Moved: Ian Dallas**

**Seconded: Greg Binning**

**Discussion below**

- Ian Dallas spoke to the motion – the main motivation is to bring things up to date, consistent with how the WRRRA wants to operate from 2016 onwards.
  - See Appendix at end of minutes for full listing of proposed changes.
- Gordon Noble-Campbell raised that while clause 5.3 is a practical suggestion the wording as proposed eliminates the possibility of nominations from the floor at the AGM, and he believes we can't take away the right for financial members to be nominated at the AGM.
- Peter McDavitt raised the possibility of insufficient pre-AGM nominations.
  - Ian Dallas responded that if this is the case, then the Executive has failed to do the appropriate groundwork to ensure good continuity.
- Richard Gordon suggested a compromise by adding the words “unforeseen circumstances”, which would then allow for nominations at the AGM itself.
- David Walsh pointed out an inconsistency in the wording re: notice periods, which would allow a renegade Executive to open the nominations and close them again within a few moments, after nominating those of their choosing.
- Gordon Noble-Campbell suggested the addition of sub-clause 5.3(b) worded thus: “Nothing in this clause shall prevent a valid nomination for Executive Membership being made at the Annual General Meeting.”

#### **Notice of Motion:**

Add a sub-clause to 5.3(b) to protect rights for a nomination to be made at the AGM.

**Moved: Gordon Noble-Campbell    Seconded: Trevor Couchman    Carried**

The discussion being completed, the original motion was voted on clause-by-clause.

Clause 1.2 – amendment    Carried  
 Clause 2.1 – amendment    Carried  
 Clause 3.1 – amendment    Carried  
 Clause 5.2 (f) – addition    Carried  
 Clause 5.3 (a) (b) – new    Carried  
 Clause 6.1 (a) – addition    Carried  
 Clause 7.2 – amendment    Carried  
 Clause 7.4 – amendment    Carried

Ian Dallas reaffirmed that the WRRRA is a democratic organisation, and vigorous but respectful debate is encouraged to ensure the best practical resolution is reached.

The Secretary is to promptly amend the Constitution to reflect the preceding, and forward to Greg Binning for filing with the appropriate regulatory bodies/societies.

#### **Election of Officers:**

President	<b>J Clarke</b>	M: M Fairmaid	S: M Dillnott	Carried
Vice President	<b>G Williamson</b>	M: I Dallas	S: P Dillnott	Carried

Secretary	<b>R Kandula</b>	<i>M: G Jackson</i>	<i>S: D Walsh</i>	Carried
Treasurer	<b>T Feiertag</b>	<i>M: I Dallas</i>	<i>S: R Kandula</i>	Carried
Immediate Past President:		<b>G Jackson</b>		

### **Management Committee**

I Dallas	Nominated by	M Dilnott & W Quennell	Carried
M Dilnott	Nominated by	G Binning & T Upton	Carried
M Pinfold	Nominated by	M Dilnott & W Quennell	Carried
G Binning	Nominated by	M Fairmaid & S Newson	Carried
B Hudson	Nominated by	M Langley & N Hogan	Carried

Ian Dallas was asked to clarify the process for electing a chairman, and he duly did so.

### **General Business**

The members were advised that a new higher subscription level has been set for full members and transferees, the amount being \$80, reduced to \$60 if paid by April 30<sup>th</sup>. The subscription amount for all types of discounted membership remains unchanged.

Will Caccia-Birch spoke on behalf of the WRFU and acknowledged the contribution of the WRRRA to the sport in the Wellington region. He further noted there is much work yet to be done re improving sideline behaviour and reiterated the importance of this.

Trevor Couchman queried why the travel allowance exists given referees choose this as a recreational activity regardless of their aspirations, and Rugby clubs for example don't reimburse their players for expenses incurred.

Ian Dallas clarified the travel allowance is a historic initiative, and the exact reimbursement level is decided on every year by the Executive Committee.

David Walsh reminded the members that per previous communications, registrations would be done entirely online for the upcoming season, and gave a brief explanation of the rationale and procedure. He also reiterated that Rugbysmart is still mandatory.

Mark Fairmaid reminded members to update their availability through Who'sTheRef, as this is the primary source of information for the Appointments panel. Anyone who doesn't indicate their availability cannot be allocated games and won't be appointed.

Mark Brown (Who'sTheRef) was invited by the Chairman to speak to the attendees, and he made a short address thanking WRRRA for the invitation to attend, and giving a brief outline of WTR from a personal and professional standpoint. He further advised of an upcoming upgrade with a new, more user-friendly interface, and several other changes improving the current functionality of the software, including coaching tools.

Ian Dallas thanked Pam Dilnott heartily for her extensive contributions as Treasurer over a long period, and commented that her input on the Executive would be missed.

Pam spoke briefly, saying that her tenure has generally been enjoyable, and highlighting the change in culture over the time she's been involved, particularly with regard to the generous use of colourful language which has now largely disappeared!

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:45pm.

## **Appendix**

### *Proposed constitutional amendments as circulated prior to Annual General Meeting.*

- (i) Clause 1.2 – alteration – remove specific address of Wellington RFU to negate future amendments just to change address – “The registered office of the Association shall be c/- the registered office of the WRFU, or such other place as the Executive Board may from time-to-time determine.”
- (ii) Clause 2.1 – alteration – wording of “touch judges” to be altered to “match officials” thus incorporating substitution controllers and others.
- (iii) Clause 3.1 – alteration – wording to incorporate “donations & levies”.
- (iv) Clause 5.2 (f) – alteration – “...by voting members at the AGM, via the voting protocol set out following. The remaining members may...”
- (v) Clause 5.3 – NEW – “Voting of members for the Executive Board shall be initially enacted via the completion of a Nomination Form, available under the Documents section of the WRRRA website, which must be duly signed by the Proposer, the Secunder, and the Nominee.”
- (vi) Clause 5.3 (a) – NEW – “Nomination Forms for Executive Membership must be received 7 days prior to an AGM in the correct format.”
- (vii) Clause 6.1 – add sub-clause – “A resolution in writing, originally sent to all executive Members, signed and assented to by email, facsimile, or other forms of visible or electronic communication, by a majority of the Executive Members, verified as such, shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Executive, duly convened and held. Any such resolution may consist of several documents in like form, each signed by one or more of the Executive Members, or sent as a paragraph in the base of an email with the name or names of the Executive clearly identified.”
- (viii) Clause 7.2 – alteration – “...end of the financial year be prepared and reviewed pursuant to the requirements of the Charities Act and any other legislation in readiness...”
- (ix) Clause 7.4 – alteration – “...at least two signatories to any payment...”

# 2016 Awards

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## Top Fives

### Level One

Richard Gordon  
Vincent Ringrose  
Nick Hogan  
Daniel Mangin  
Steve Newson

### Level Two

Campbell Barry  
Greg Binning  
Aaron Conlon  
Bradley Hudson  
Jordan Price

### Level Three

Peter Fraser  
Scott Marriner  
Dennis Sharman  
Amani Tuia  
Vinnie Wylie

## Achievement Awards

Hugh Jacobs Trophy  
for Most Promising Level One Referee

**Jamie Fairmaid**

Joe Beagle Memorial Cup  
for Most Promising Level Two Referee

**Jordan Price**

Lougher Cup  
for Most Improved Level Three Referee

**Amani Tuia**

Cummins Cup  
for Most Promising 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Referee

**Matt Thomas**

Joe O'Brien Memorial Service Award  
for outstanding service to the WRRRA during 2016

**David Walsh**

2016 Joe O'Brien Memorial  
Service Award Winner  
David Walsh



# 2016 Promotions

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## Promotions to Level One

Steve Newson  
Ray McMillan  
Colin Te Pohe  
Jordan Price

## Promotions to Level Two

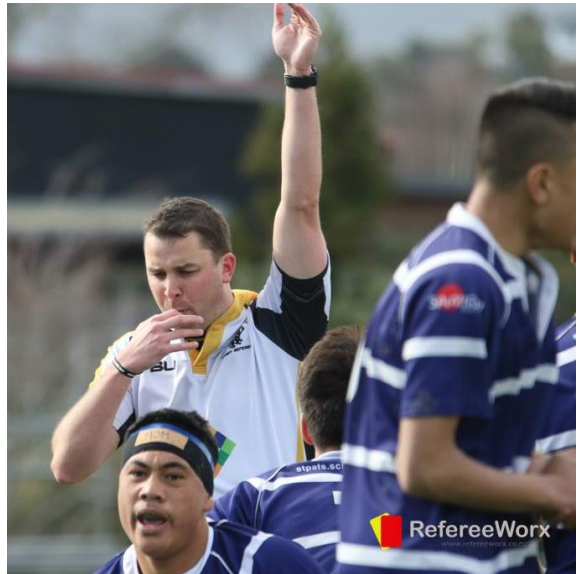
Zinny McCormick  
Campbell Barry  
Aidan Cameron

## Promotions to Level Three

Matt Thomas  
Hayden Roche  
Jack Sargentina  
Claire Richardson  
Jury Teniteni-Smeaton

## Promotions to Level Four

Tomas Roche  
Brad Newson  
Callum McLachlan  
James Hutchinson



**Matt Thomas**  
2016 Most Promising 2<sup>nd</sup> year Referee

# 2016 Refereeing Service Awards

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## 30 Years Service

David Walsh  
Colin Dallas

## 20 Years Service

Garratt Williamson

## 10 Years Service

Bradley Hudson  
Richard Gordon  
Scott MacLean

# Representative and WRFU Premier Club Final Appointments

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## Mike Fraser

4 Feb	Blues v Rebels	Auckland	Super Rugby – pre-season
19 Feb	Highlanders v Waratahs	Queenstown	Super Rugby – pre-season
5 Mar	Bulls v Rebels	Pretoria	Super Rugby – Assistant Referee
12 Mar	Stormers v Sharks	Cape Town	Super Rugby
19 Mar	Sunwolves v Rebels	Tokyo	Super Rugby
26 Mar	Chiefs v Western Force	Hamilton	Super Rugby
2 Apr	Blues v Jaguares	Albany	Super Rugby
8 Apr	Western Force v Crusaders	Perth	Super Rugby – Assistant Referee
22 Apr	Highlanders v Sharks	Dunedin	Super Rugby – Assistant Referee
30 Apr	Stormers v Waratahs	Cape Town	Super Rugby
7 May	Sunwolves v Western Force	Tokyo	Super Rugby
14 May	Sunwolves v Stormers	Singapore	Super Rugby – Assistant Referee
27 May	Hurricanes v Highlanders	Wellington	Super Rugby
11 Jun	<b>Fiji v Tonga</b>	<b>Fiji</b>	<b>World Rugby Test Match – Asst. Referee</b>
18 Jun	<b>Australia v England</b>	<b>Melbourne</b>	<b>World Rugby Test Match – Asst. Referee</b>
25 Jun	<b>Australia v England</b>	<b>Sydney</b>	<b>World Rugby Test Match – Asst. Referee</b>
9 Jul	Western Force v Stormers	Perth	Super Rugby
15 Jul	Blues v Waratahs	Auckland	Super Rugby
16 Jul	Crusaders v Hurricanes	Christchurch	Super Rugby – Assistant Referee
23 Jul	Hurricanes v Sharks	Wellington	Super Rugby (QF) – Assistant Referee
20 Aug	Canterbury V Auckland	Christchurch	Mitre 10 Cup
27 Aug	Waikato v North Harbour	Hamilton	Mitre 10 Cup
3 Sep	Wellington v North Harbour	Wellington	Mitre 10 Cup – Assistant Referee
10 Sep	Otago v Tasman	Dunedin	Mitre 10 Cup
22 Sep	Northland v Wellington	Whangarei	Mitre 10 Cup
30 Sep	Wellington v Southland	Wellington	Mitre 10 Cup – Assistant Referee
15 Oct	Counties Manukau v Canterbury	Pukekohe	Mitre 10 Cup
23 Oct	Taranaki v Tasman	New Plymouth	Mitre 10 Cup (SF)
5 Nov	<b>Barbarians v South Africa</b>	<b>Wembley, London</b>	<b>World Rugby</b>
12 Nov	<b>Wales v Argentina</b>	<b>Cardiff</b>	<b>World Rugby Test Match – Asst. Referee</b>

## Ben O’Keeffe

7 Feb	Ireland v Wales	Dublin	World Rugby Test Match – Asst. Referee
14 Feb	Italy v England	Rome	World Rugby Test Match – Asst. Referee
27 Feb	Sunwolves v Lions	Tokyo	Super Rugby
5 Mar	Bulls v Rebels	Pretoria	Super Rugby
12 Mar	Stormers v Sharks	Cape Town	Super Rugby – Assistant Referee
18 Mar	Hurricanes v Western Force	Palmerston North	Super Rugby – Assistant Referee
27 Mar	Reds v Waratahs	Brisbane	Super Rugby
2 Apr	Blues v Jaguares	Albany	Super Rugby – Assistant Referee
8 Apr	Western Force v Crusaders	Perth	Super Rugby
22 Apr	Highlanders v Sharks	Dunedin	Super Rugby
30 Apr	Reds v Cheetahs	Brisbane	Super Rugby
6 May	Brumbies v Bulls	Canberra	Super Rugby
14 May	Waratahs v Bulls	Sydney	Super Rugby – Assistant Referee
21 May	Bulls v Stormers	Pretoria	Super Rugby
28 May	Stormers v Cheetahs	Cape Town	Super Rugby – Assistant Referee
11 Jun	Samoa v Georgia	Samoa	World Rugby Test Match
18 Jun	Japan v Scotland	Tokyo	World Rugby Test Match
25 Jun	Japan v Scotland	Tokyo	World Rugby Test Match – Asst. Referee
2 Jul	Hurricanes v Blues	Wellington	Super Rugby – Assistant Referee
8 Jul	Blues v Brumbies	Auckland	Super Rugby
16 Jul	Crusaders v Hurricanes	Christchurch	Super Rugby
22 Jul	Brumbies v Highlanders	Canberra	Super Rugby (QF) – Assistant Referee
30 Jul	Lions v Highlanders	Johannesburg	Super Rugby (SF) – Assistant Referee
6 Aug	Hurricanes v Lions	Wellington	Super Rugby Final – Assistant Referee
20 Aug	South Africa v Argentina	Nelspruit	World Rugby Test Match – Asst. Referee
27 Aug	Argentina v South Africa	Salta	World Rugby Test Match – Asst. Referee
11 Sep	Auckland v Waikato	Auckland	Mitre 10 Cup
16 Sep	Wellington v Bay of Plenty	Wellington	Mitre 10 Cup – Assistant Referee
18 Sep	Waikato v Taranaki	Hamilton	Mitre 10 Cup
21 Sep	Southland v Bay of Plenty	Invercargill	Mitre 10 Cup
1 Oct	North Harbour v Bay of Plenty	North Harbour	Mitre 10 Cup
7 Oct	Canterbury v North Harbour	Christchurch	Mitre 10 Cup
9 Oct	Wellington v Taranaki	Wellington	Mitre 10 Cup – Assistant Referee
22 Oct	Canterbury v Counties	Christchurch	Mitre 10 Cup (SF)
12 Nov	Scotland v Australia	Edinburgh	World Rugby Test Match – Asst. Referee
19 Nov	Scotland v Argentina	Edinburgh	World Rugby Test Match



## Richard Gordon

30 Jan	HSBC Wellington Sevens	Wellington	Ingoal-judge
6 Aug	Marist St Pats v Tawa	Porirua Park	WRFU Jubilee Cup Final
3 Sep	Buller v Mid Canterbury	Westport	Mitre 10 Heartland Championship
10 Sep	North Otago v Horowhenua-Kapiti	Dunedin	Mitre 10 Heartland Championship
17 Sep	King Country v Wanganui	Te Kuiti	Mitre 10 Heartland Championship
24 Sep	Thames Valley v South Canterbury	Paeroa	Mitre 10 Heartland Championship
1 Oct	East Coast v Mid Canterbury	Ruatoria	Mitre 10 Heartland Championship
8 Oct	Fiji Schools v NZ Barbarians Schools	Auckland	Secondary Schools
9 Oct	Wellington v Taranaki	Wellington	Mitre 10 Cup – Assistant Referee
15 Oct	West Coast v North Otago	Greymouth	Mitre 10 Heartland Championship
22 Oct	Wanganui v Wairarapa-Bush	Wanganui	Mitre 10 Heartland Championship (SF)

## Vincent Ringrose

30 Jan	HSBC Wellington Sevens	Wellington	Ingoal-judge
13 Aug	Wairarapa-Bush v Poverty Bay	Masterton	Representative 'A'
3 Sep	King Country v Poverty Bay	Taupo	Mitre 10 Heartland Championship
10 Sep	West Coast v East Coast	Greymouth	Mitre 10 Heartland Championship
16 Sep	Wellington v Bay of Plenty	Wellington	Mitre 10 Cup – Assistant Referee
17 Sep	East Coast v North Otago	Ruatoria	Mitre 10 Heartland Championship
24 Sep	Horowhenua-Kapiti v King Country	Levin	Mitre 10 Heartland Championship
1 Oct	Wairarapa Bush v Buller	Masterton	Mitre 10 Heartland Championship
8 Oct	North Otago v South Canterbury	Oamaru	Mitre 10 Heartland Championship
15 Oct	Wellington v Waikato	Wellington	Mitre 10 Cup – Assistant Referee
22 Oct	South Canterbury v Buller	Timaru	Mitre 10 Heartland Championship (SF)
10 Dec	Central Region Sevens	Levin	

## Nick Hogan

30 Jan	HSBC Wellington Sevens	Wellington	Ingoal-judge
6 Aug	Manawatu v Otago	Palmerston Nth	Women's PC – Farah Palmer Cup
27 Aug	Wellington Maori v Wellington Samoan	Porirua	Representative
3 Sep	Wellington v Hawkes Bay	Wellington	Representative U19
10 Sep	Wellington v Manawatu	Petone	Representative Development
14 Sep	Auckland v Taranaki	Taupo	National U19 Tournament
18 Sep	Southland v North Harbour	Taupo	National U19 Tournament
21 Sep	Bay of Plenty v Counties	Taupo	National U19 Tournament
30 Sep	Wellington v Southland	Wellington	Mitre 10 Cup – Assistant Referee

15 Oct	Wellington v Waikato	Wellington	Mitre 10 Cup – Assistant Referee
2 Oct	Canterbury v Counties	Christchurch	Mitre 10 Cup (SF) – Assistant Referee

### **Daniel Mangin**

30 Jan	HSBC Wellington Sevens	Wellington	Ingoal-judge
7 May	Wgtn College v Palmerston North BHS	Palmerston North	Tranzit 1 <sup>st</sup> XV Festival
14 May	St Patrick's Coll. Kilbirnie v Hastings BHS	Westpac Stadium	Tranzit 1 <sup>st</sup> XV Festival
5 Aug	Hutt Old Boys Marist v Petone	Hutt Rec	WRFU Hardham Cup Final
20 Aug	Wgtn College v Napier BHS	Wgtn College	Hurricanes Region SS semi-final
27 Aug	Poverty Bay v Horowhenua-Kapiti	Palmerston North	Representative U20
3 Sep	Wgtn Maori Dev. v Horowhenua-Kapiti B	Kilbirnie Park	Representative
17 Sep	Wgtn Samoan Schools v Wanganui	Levin	Representative U18
26 Sep	Wanganui v Wairarapa-Bush	Palmerston North	Representative U16
27 Sep	Manawatu v Poverty Bay	Palmerston North	Representative U16
29 Sep	Wairarapa-Bush v Hawkes Bay Dev.	Palmerston North	Representative U16
1 Oct	Wellington v Canterbury	Petone	Representative Development

### **Jamie Fairmaid**

7 May	Hastings BHS v Scots College	Palmerston North	Tranzit 1 <sup>st</sup> XV Festival
17 Aug	Wellington Maori v Wellington U19s	Fraser Park	Representative
20 Aug	Wellington Samoan v Wellington U19s	Petone	Representative
27 Aug	Feilding HS v Wairarapa College	Palmerston North	Hurricanes Region SS Co-ed Final
4 Sep	St Peters Cambridge v Burnside HS	Palmerston North	NZ SS Co-ed 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> playoff
10 Sep	Wanganui v Horowhenua-Kapiti	Wanganui	Representative U18
17 Sep	Wellington Dev. v Wairarapa-Bush	Petone	Representative U16
24 Sep	Wgtn Samoan Schools v Wairarapa-Bush	Wellington	Representative U18
26 Sep	East Coast v Horowhenua-Kapiti	Palmerston North	Representative U16
27 Sep	Wanganui v Wgtn Development	Palmerston North	Representative U16
29 Sep	Hawkes Bay v Poverty Bay	Palmerston North	Representative U16
8 Oct	Wellington v Tasman	Porirua	Representative Development

## Jared Clarke

14 May	St Patrick's Coll. Kilbirnie v Hastings BHS	Westpac Stadium	Tranzit 1 <sup>st</sup> XV Festival - TMO
2 Sep	Hamilton BHS v Hastings BHS	Palmerston North	NZ SS semi-final – TMO
2 Sep	Mount Albert GS v Southland BHS	Palmerston North	NZ SS semi-final – TMO
3 Sep	Horowhenua-Kapiti v Wairarapa-Bush	Westpac Stadium	Mitre 10 Heartland Championship - TMO
3 Sep	Wellington v North Harbour	Wellington	Mitre 10 Cup - TMO
16 Sep	Wellington v Bay of Plenty	Wellington	Mitre 10 Cup – TMO
30 Sep	Wellington v Southland	Wellington	Mitre 10 Cup – TMO
9 Oct	Wellington v Taranaki	Wellington	Mitre 10 Cup – TMO

## David Walsh

15 Oct	Wellington v Waikato	Wellington	Mitre 10 Cup – TMO
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## Scott Kennedy

20 Aug	Wellington Pride v Waikato	Porirua	Women's PC – Assistant Referee
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## Claire Richardson

3 Sep	Wellington Pride v Otago	Porirua	Women's PC – Assistant Referee
17 Sep	Wellington Pride v Bay of Plenty	Porirua	Women's PC – Assistant Referee

## Steve Newson

30 Jan	HSBC Wellington Sevens	Wellington	Substitution Control
20 Aug	Wellington Maori v Wellington Development	Petone	Representative
3 Sep	Centurions U21 v Wairarapa-Bush 'B'	Kilbirnie Park	Representative
17 Sep	Wellington Pride v Bay of Plenty	Porirua	Women's PC – Assistant Referee

## Mike Pinfold

30 Jan	HSBC Wellington Sevens	Wellington	Substitution Control
16 Aug	Hutt Valley HS v Feilding HS	Lower Hutt	Hurricanes Region SS Co-ed semi-final
3 Sep	Wellington Samoan v Hawkes Bay Samoan	Ngati Toa Domain	Representative
10 Sep	Wgtn Samoan v Hawkes Bay Development	Petone	Representative

### **Colin Te Pohe**

3 Sep	Wellington Pride v Otago	Porirua	Women's PC – Assistant Referee
17 Sep	Wgtn Development v Wgtn Samoan	Petone	Representative

### **Jordan Price**

14 Aug	Wgtn College v St Patrick's College Kilbirnie	Porirua	WSS Premier-1 Final
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### **Greg Binning**

1 Oct	Centurions v Auckland	St Pats Artificial	Representative U85kg
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### **Scott MacLean**

20 Aug	Wellington Pride v Waikato	Porirua	Women's PC – Assistant Referee
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### **Brad Newson**

3 Sep	Wellington v Canterbury	Petone	Representative U13
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### **Rory Woollett**

10 Sep	Wellington v Horowhenua	North Park	Representative U13
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### **Zander Glasgow**

24 Sep	Wellington v Auckland	Petone	Representative U13
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### **Aaron Conlon**

30 Jan	HSBC Wellington Sevens	Wellington	Ingoal-judge
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### **Scott Marriner**

30 Jan	HSBC Wellington Sevens	Wellington	Substitution Control
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### **Eno Liua'ana, Joe Tuohy**

30 Jan	HSBC Wellington Sevens	Wellington	Substitution Communications
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### **Caleb Whitehead**

30 Jan	HSBC Sevens	Wellington	Referee Water Runner
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# Honours Board

## President

1915	SIEVERS L.	1973-74	MARSHALL R.F.
1920-23	NEILSON A.E.	1975-76	YOUNG A.W.
1924-25	McKENZIE D.	1977-78	HUNT L.S.
1926-27	FLETCHER T.A.	1979-80	AUSTIN C.R.
1928	HYLTON E.S.	1981-82	McDAVITT P.A.
1929-30	MOFFIT J.	1983-84	BRINGANS W.J.
1931-35	CALCINAI D.	1985-86	MOSELEN D.O.
1936-39	KING J.S.	1987-88	COOMBER B.S.
1940-41	DE CLIFTON A.	1989-90	BUCKLAND D.R.
1942-44	MATTHEWS B.	1991-92	BRANT D.
1945-46	GILCHRIST J.	1993-94	SMITH K.G.
1947-48	WILSON J.A.	1995-96	QUINN H.
1949-50	HOOVER A.H.	1997-98	WRIGHT S.
1951-52	PALMER S.H.	1999-00	DILNOTT M.
1953-54	PARKINSON B.G.	2001-02	STOTT R.W.R.
1955-56	PERRY K.E.	2003-04	DALLAS C.J.
1957-58	WILLIAMS C.H.	2005-06	DALLAS I.G.
1959-60	SIMMONS H.B.	2007-08	MCCAFFREY J.P.
1961-62	CURSONS C.J.	2009-10	SARGENTINA S.J.
1963-64	WEATHERBURN T.J.	2011	LAMBERT P.W.
1965-66	FIRMIN W.J. (BEM)	2012-13	NOBLE-CAMPBELL G.P
1967-68	FALVEY W.F. (MBE)	2014-15	JACKSON G.S.P.
1969-70	FEARON F.P	2016	CLARKE J.R.
1971-72	DEVLIN U.M.		

## Secretary

1923-31	LEITH H.S.
1932-33	O'SULLIVAN J.S.
1934-57	CHANT A.D.
1958-65	FEARON F.P.
1966-71	OSBORNE G.L. (JP)
1972-79	CUMMINS W.R.
1980	HISLOP R.
1981-84	PATTEN D.J.
1985-88	BARLING W.M.
1989-91	BILLING R.J.
1992-10	STEVENSON J.M.
2011	MARTIN A.M.
2012-14	LANGLEY M.J.
2015-16	KANDULA R.K.

## Treasurer

1923-31	LEITH H.S.
1932-33	O'SULLIVAN J.F.
1934-57	CHANT A.D.
1958-65	FEARON F.P.
1966-69	OSBORNE G.L. (JP)
1970	KILPATRICK G.F.
1971-75	HUNT L.S.
1976-78	DUGGAN K.
1979	BRUNEL J.A.
1980-83	GOLLEDGE S.D.
1984	GEERTSON K.
1985	WEBBY R.W.
1986-88	WARD M.
1989-94	DILNOTT MRS P.R.
1995-97	JENKINS I.S.
1998-01	WOODHOUSE M.A.
2001	LYNCH B.D.
2002-15	DILNOTT MRS P.R.
2016	FEIERTAG A.G.



The WRRRA are grateful for the contribution of life members  
Mike and 'Auntie' Pam Dilnott

## Life Members

1924	*BRADLEY G.E.	1971	*OSULLIVAN G.A.
1928	*FLETCHER T.A.	1971	*OSBORNE G.L. MBE
1929	*SMART A.	1974	*BURNS F.R.
1930	*AINSLOW H.H.	1975	*MARSHALL R.F.
1931	*HYLTON E.S.	1977	*GIBSON W.J.
1932	*FRANCIS J.	1980	*CUMMINS W.R.
1934	*MOFFIT J.	1980	*HURRELL I.E.
1936	*CALCINAI D.	1980	*TUOHY J.
1940	*KING J.S.	1981	*YOUNG A.W.
1943	*DE CLIFTON A.	1982	*AUSTIN C.R.
1946	*MATHEWS E.J.B.	1982	*COFFEY L.
1950	*WILSON J.A.	1983	McDAVITT P.A.
1953	*HEPBURN J.	1987	*BEAGLE E.J.
1953	*HOOPER A.	1988	MOSELEN D.O.
1954	*RAMSEY I.M.	1989	*GREEN R.N.
1954	*WILSON A.J.	1991	COOMBER B.S.
1955	*RAMSEY A.A.	1991	*JENKINS I.S.
1956	*PALMER S.H.	1992	BUCKLAND D.R.
1957	*CHANT A.D.	1992	*FORSYTH J.M.
1957	*GREEN N.P.	1992	*SMITH R.G.
1959	*FLINDERS H.M.	1993	LOCKYER J. QSM
1961	*BELL A.T.	1993	*McPHEE A.
1961	*WILLIAMS C.H.	1994	BRANT D.
1962	*SIMMONS H.B.	1995	*SMITH K.G.
1962	*SWAN A.C.	1996	*COOK E.E.
1963	*McAULEY L.	1996	DILNOTT M.J.
1964	*THOMPSON R.H.	2001	STEVENSON Jane
1965	CURSONS C.J.	2001	WRIGHT S.J.
1965	*FEARON F.P.	2002	DILNOTT P.R. (MRS)
1966	*OBRIEN J.	2004	QUINN H.
1966	*WEATHERBURN T.J.	2009	JACKSON G.S.P.
1967	*FIRMIN W.J. B.E.M	2009	STOTT R.W.R.
1968	*DEVLIN U.M.	2012	DALLAS I.G
1969	*FALVEY W.F. MBE/QSM	2013	MEYERS A.C.
1970	*COOPER M.G.A.	2015	EWART I.R.
1970	*HARGREAVES A.E.		
1970	*JACOBS H.B.		

(Deceased Marked With \*)

## Honorary Vice Presidents

ADLAM N. (Neil)	1994	*COOK E.E. (Eddie)
*ALDERSLEY J. (Jim)	1997	DILNOTT MRS P.R. (Pam)
*BAILEY A. (Allan)	2001	SMITH R. (Robert)
*FORSYTH R. (Bob)	2002	*BROWNE S. (Sid)
*HARRISON G. L. (Graham)	2003	HANLEN P. (Phil)
NICHOLSON R. (Bob)	2013	EWART I.R. (Ross)

(Deceased Marked With \*)



Life Member Tony Meyers out coaching referees



## WELLINGTON TEST REFEREES

1894	FACHE G.C	N.Z	v	NEW SOUTH WALES
1896	FIRTH J.P.	N.Z.	v	QUEENSLAND
1913	SIMPSON J.L.	N.Z.	v	AUSTRALIA (1 <sup>st</sup> TEST)
1921	SIMPSON J.L.	N.Z.	v	NEW SOUTH WALES
1921	NEILSON A.E.	N.Z.	v	SOUTH AFRICA (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> TESTS)
1923	SIMPSON J.L.	N.Z.	v	NEW SOUTH WALES
1936	MOFFIT J.	N.Z.	v	AUSTRALIA (1 <sup>st</sup> TEST)
1937	KING J.S.	N.Z.	v	SOUTH AFRICA (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> TESTS)
1950	TINDILL E.W.T.	N.Z.	v	BRITISH ISLES (1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> TESTS)
1955	TINDILL E.W.T.	N.Z.	v	AUSTRALIA (2 <sup>nd</sup> TEST)
1972	McDAVITT P.A.	N.Z.	v	AUSTRALIA (1 <sup>st</sup> TEST)
1975	McDAVITT P.A.	N.Z.	v	SCOTLAND
1977	McDAVITT P.A.	N.Z.	v	BRITISH ISLES (1 <sup>st</sup> TEST)
1979	HARRISON G.L.	N.Z.	v	ARGENTINA
1980	HARRISON G.L.	FIJI	v	AUSTRALIA
1981	HARRISON G.L.	CANADA	v	U.S.A.
1981	HARRISON G.L.	AUSTRALIA	v	FRANCE
1982	DAINTY C.J.	U.S.A.	v	CANADA
1983	HARRISON G.L.	AUSTRALIA	v	U.S.A.
1983	HARRISON G.L.	FRANCE	v	AUSTRALIA (1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> TESTS)
1984	HARRISON G.L.	AUSTRALIA	v	FIJI
1994	WALSH S.	FIJI	v	W/SAMOA
1995	WALSH S.	TONGA	v	W/SAMOA
1996	WALSH S.	TONGA	v	W/SAMOA
1997	WALSH S.	COOK ISL.	v	FIJI
2001	BRAY L.E.	VANUATU	v	PAPUA NEW GUINEA
2001	BRAY L.E.	VANUATU	v	SOLOMON ISLANDS
2004	BRAY L.E.	TONGA	v	FIJI
2004	BRAY L.E.	ITALY	v	CANADA
2005	BRAY L.E.	AUSTRALIA	v	SAMOA
2006	POLLOCK C.J.	JAPAN	v	HONG KONG
2006	POLLOCK C.J.	KOREA	v	JAPAN
2007	BRAY L.E.	ARGENTINA	v	IRELAND
2007	BRAY L.E.	ARGENTINA	v	ITALY
2007	POLLOCK C.J.	FIJI	v	TONGA
2007	POLLOCK C.J.	USA	v	CANADA
2008	BRAY L.E.	SOUTH AFRICA	v	WALES
2008	BRAY L.E.	SOUTH AFRICA	v	AUSTRALIA
2010	WILLIAMSON G.L.	JAPAN	v	SAMOA
2013	WILLIAMSON G.L.	JAPAN	v	JAPAN
2013	FRASER M.I.	GEORGIA	v	USA

2013	FRASER M.I.	WALES	v	TONGA
2014	FRASER M.I.	CANADA	v	SCOTLAND
2014	FRASER M.I.	TONGA	v	USA
2016	O'KEEFE B.D.	SAMOA	v	GEORGIA
2016	O'KEEFE B.D.	JAPAN	v	SCOTLAND
2016	O'KEEFE B.D.	SCOTLAND	v	ARGENTINA



Ben O'Keeffe – Japan v Scotland



WRRR Life Member and test referee Peter McDavitt (left) enjoying the social activities while talking to current WRRR Treasurer Tony Feiertag

## **HUGH JACOBS TROPHY - Most Promising Level One Referee.**

1957	P.T. O'Neill	1958	C. Robson	1959	R. Mailman
1960	R. Austin	1961	R. Green	1962	M. Pollard
1963	R. Vaughan	1964	P. Gaines	1965	H. Rainey
1966	G. Harrison	1967	A. Bailey	1968	G. Brockelbank
1969	G. Elliott	1970	W. Shakespeare	1971	W. Bringans
1972	C. Guppy	1973	D. Buckland	1974	B. Courtenay
1975	P. Lenihan	1976	N. Goff	1977	M. Haley
1978	C. Dainty	1979	B. Marshall	1980	P. Tindill
1981	J. Lockyer	1982	L. Nolan	1983	N. Adlam
1984	R. Wilson	1985	C. Reilly	1986	D. Patton
1987	S. Wright	1988	G. Jackson	1989	S. Walsh
1990	M. Richardson	1991	K. McCormack	1992	P. Kelly
1993	R. Lozell	1994	R. Stott	1995	M. Tait
1996	D. Walsh	1997	S. Herbert	1998	T. Fox
1999	B. Murray	2000	G. Milne	2001	A. Small
2002	G. Williamson	2003	J. Sprott	2004	W. Dickson
2005	H. Mexted	2006	M. Fraser	2007	H. Wakefield
2008	P. Smith	2009	D. Kershaw	2010	M. Goodger
2011	R. Gordon	2012	B. O'Keeffe	2013	C. Graham
2014	V. Ringrose	2015	D. Mangin	2016	J. Fairmaid

## **JOE BEAGLE MEMORIAL CUP - Most Promising Level Two Referee.**

(Previously named the Benson & Hedges Trophy).

1984	D. Biggs	1985	S. Wright	1986	J. Tuhakaraina
1987	G. Jackson	1988	W. McFarland	1989	M. Richardson
1990	G. Gates	1991	A. Mettrick	1992	P. Barnett
1993	D. Walsh	1994	I. Dallas	1995	G. Templeton
1996	T. Fox	1997	B. Murray	1998	J. White
1999	G. Milne	2000	M. Woodhouse	2001	W. Dickson
2002	J. Sprott	2003	G. Noble-Campbell	2004	H. Mexted
2005	J. Ballingall	2006	A. Martin	2007	C. Revell
2008	W. Bowden	2009	G. Willmott	2010	L. Hayward
2011	C. Graham	2012	S. Kennedy	2013	V. Ringrose
2014	D. Mangin	2015	J. Fairmaid	2016	J. Price

## LOUGHER CUP - Most Improved Level Three Referee.

1937 T. Weatherburn	1938 K. McIntyre	1939 A. Ramsay
1940 A. McDonald	1941 F. O'Halloran	1942 A. Lazarus
1943 N. Neilson	1944 W. Fright	1945 L. Wood
1946 S. Thorburn	1947 R. Parker	1948 J. Clure
1949 J. O'Brien	1950 L. Elton	1951 F. Burns
1952 E. Piercy	1953 A. Bell	1954 J. Moncrieff
1955 L. Hunt	1956 C. Robson	1957 P. McDavitt
1958 L. Jarden	1959 W. Shakespeare	1960 P. Lemmon
1961 G. Harrison	1962 G. O'Neill	1963 G. Elliott
1964 P. Owles	1965 T. Bringans	1966 G. Mansill
1967 C. Guppy	1968 F. Harris	1969 D. Oliver
1970 N. Busing	1971 J. Muir	1972 R. Mathews
1973 L. Nolan	1974 P. Tindill	1975 D. Brant
1976 R. Kerr	1977 J. Sullivan	1978 R. Cameron
1979 C. Serni	1980 S. Lawson	1981 P. Bradshaw
1982 S. Ready	1983 R. Stott	1984 G. Jackson
1985 B. Kupe	1986 W. Press	1987 P. Ashton
1988 H. Quinn	1989 R. O'Neill	1990 M. Fairey
1991 B. McLaughlin	1992 G. Howse	1993 S. Fa'alogo
1994 A. Sparrow	1995 L. Grainger	1996 A. Rodgers
1997 B. Campbell	1998 G. Williamson	1999 M. Best
2000 M. Fairmaid	2001 J. Stark	2002 J. Donaldson
2003 D. Raven	2004 L. Jenkins	2005 M. Cheriton
2006 D. McDougall	2007 M. Balchin	2008 D. Mangin
2009 B. Ringrose	2010 C. Heka	2011 N. Hogan
2012 V. Ringrose	2013 C. Te Pohe	2014 A. Conlon
2015 C. Barry	2016 A. Tuia	



### **CUMMINS CUP - Most Promising Second Year Referee.**

1975	G. Hamill	1976	C. Cowie	1977	L. Bullen
1978	E. Nichols	1979	L. Downes	1980	E. Cairncross
1981	M. Phillips	1982	S. Albrey	1983	N. Simpson
1984	C. Walters	1985	S. Porter	1986	W. McFarland
1987	B. Haig	1988	J. Richards	1989	R. Lozell
1990	K. Fink-Jensen	1991	B. Teale	1992	B. Marshall
1993	R. Fergusson	1994	S. Taylforth	1995	A. Lane
1996	V. Hagai	1997	S. Macaulay	1998	M. Woodhouse
1999	A. Ivan	2000	M. Mackey	2001	J. Sprott
2002	E. Liua'ana	2003	S. Ford	2004	J. Craig
2005	C. Graham	2006	D. Chin	2007	G. Willmott
2008	R. Gordon	2009	V. Ringrose	2010	S. Kennedy
2011	M. Stephen	2012	J. Price	2013	S. Newson
2014	E. Loveridge	2015	J. Sargentina	2016	M. Thomas

### **JOE O'BRIEN MEMORIAL AWARD - Outstanding Service to WRRRA.**

(Previously named the AMI Trophy).

2000	M. Fairmaid	2001	B. Lynch	2002	H. Smith
2003	G. Jackson	2004	H. Quinn	2005	A. Rogers
2006	I. Dallas	2007	R. Stott	2008	P. Dilnott
2009	R. Ewart	2010	J. Clarke	2011	P. Hanlen
2012	R. Ward	2013	M. Langley	2014	W. Bowden
2015	M. Dilnott	2016	D. Walsh		

# President's Report

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An important sign of a healthy organisation is that it continues to evolve. There is no doubt the WRRRA continues to be an evolving organisation. 2016 saw new members on the Executive, new minor sponsorship opportunities and new processes put into place. It is important we don't lose sight that without a main sponsor the WRRRA will not be able to properly fund various supplemental activities such as Interchange and social events. If anyone knows of any leads to a main sponsor, then please pass this on to a member of the Executive.

On-field, the WRRRA is performing extremely well, with Mike Fraser and Ben O'Keeffe in the professional ranks, Vincent Ringrose and Richard Gordon cementing their place in the NZR Development Squad, along with the recent promotion of Nick Hogan, and various other referees and coaches appointed to regional and national competitions.

With some form of Rugby being played in practically every month, I can only thank all our referees, coaches and administrators for their dedication and perseverance (and skills, of course) on behalf of the numerous 'stakeholders' across the representative, club, school and 7s programs that the WRRRA is involved with. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank our respective partners, parents, and other family and friends who supported our members in pursuing their on and off-field activities during 2016.

## Jared Clarke



# Chairman's Report

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Once again it is my pleasure to present this Annual report to the membership on behalf of the Executive. Our formal year started with our AGM in late February, however, also as usual, a lot of planning started well before that.

Last year I led my report with disappointing news around what our financial position was looking like, and this year I will also comment on that – whilst far from disastrous, 2016 certainly was still not positive, with no Principal Sponsor being able to be signed. A few promising leads unfortunately led to nothing, including some where there possibly were just going to be donations.

Mid-year we were able to start a relationship with El Cheapo Cars, who have committed for at least one year through to July 2017 – hopefully that will continue, but like all sponsors, we must support them whenever we can.

Support, particularly from WRFU, PWMC, and some Trust funding, meant we got through the season, however the situation had an impact on our international Interchange programme, as we just could not financially support them all, which is disappointing, but is a reality at the moment.

Your Executive will continue to be very prudent until a major sponsor(s) is obtained – we are still waiting for an official “donee” status grading from the IRD, which I believe could be very beneficial for us.

Our refereeing strip still continues to bear the logo of our previous sponsor – this is just for practicality's sake. However, as funding circumstances allow, we are slowly working through getting a lot of it altered through a “re-logo” process.

Our Monday night training and education sessions were altered somewhat from the 2015 season, with an emphasis being placed on the Level Groups, and discussion in those groups – it perhaps did not work as effectively as desired, and therefore some more thought and work will be going into that – unfortunately the loss of Garratt Williamson to Netball NZ early in the year had a major impact – he was driving a lot of the changes, including the “coach the coaches” programme within NZR. Whilst he is still a member, and our V.P., he just did not have the time to do everything.

The Awards Dinner was held at P.R.F.C. and was another successful night put on by our Social Committee, convened by Steve Newson – our thanks go to him and his team for all their work, and once again to Mark Fairmaid for the production of the award certificates.

Award and Certificate winners were appropriately acknowledged for their hard work and success, and most also received a Hell Pizza and/or Burger King voucher - our thanks to both organisations for their input.

On behalf of the Executive, I congratulate all those referees that were promoted in their grading during the season, and particularly those selected to higher honours; from our Professional Referees, Ben O’Keeffe and Mike Fraser, to Richard Gordon and Vincent Ringrose who were in the NZR Development Squad, and Nick Hogan in the NZR Wider Training Group. Also, Daniel Mangin and Jamie Fairmaid were both included in the Hurricanes Youth Rugby Council Representative Referee Squad - your achievements are what many of our members aspire to, so keep up the good work.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who offers their services to WRRRA in whatever capacity that may be – we just do not exist without you volunteering your services. But particularly I would like to thank those that contribute extra effort – the “Standards & Promotions” team of Gary Jackson, Ray Stott and Bernie McLaughlin who select appointees for “Premier” level games, and also who progresses through to the Level 1 & Level 2 groups; the “Appointments” team of Mark Fairmaid and Jared Clarke, with assistance from Richard Gordon & Scott MacLean, who have an enormous job ensuring all other games have referees each week – with potential ground changes, and persons becoming unavailable for a variety of reasons, an inordinate amount of time is spent re-scheduling – please remember these guys are volunteers, and have “lives” themselves, so please be as helpful and understanding as possible; and also the Coaching Group which this past season was headed up by Tony Meyers and ably assisted by the Level Managers, and also Warren Quennell.

Lastly to my Executive, thank you for your tireless work on behalf of the membership. I trust everyone had a good “off season” including Xmas & New Year and are looking forward to the 2017 season

Your Chairman,  
**Ian Dallas**





# Interchange Report

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The 2016 Interchange programme was back to full strength, with our biennial partner associations back in the fold, which made for a very busy interchange period overall. Mike Pinfold took charge of much of the logistics for domestic interchanges this year, and Mike Dillnott was most helpful as always in coordinating the accommodation and movements of our international visiting referees, so my sincere thanks to them both.

The core aim of the Interchange programme is to provide an opportunity for growth for our referees and coaches, and also recognise some of our long serving members for their ongoing commitment to the WRRRA. The camaraderie felt by referees, both outgoing and incoming, is a key factor that keeps the interchange an integral part of our calendar, so please take the opportunity with both hands if it comes your way.

The WRRRA is one of the few associations to billet incoming referees rather than using hotel accommodation, as we feel it provides a friendlier experience for our visitors. Conversely it requires a greater deal of effort from our members to organise and/or host. When the call goes out this year please consider if you're able to accommodate a referee for a night (domestic interchanges), or few days (international interchanges).

The following WRRRA members were part of the interchange programme in 2016.

Northland:	Scott Marriner
North Harbour:	Aidan Cameron & Campbell Barry
Auckland:	Richard Gordon
Waikato:	<i>Late cancellation due to in-flight issues!</i>
Nelson Bays:	Jordan Price & Warren Quennell
Canterbury:	Mike Pinfold & Tony Upton, David Skjellerup (Coach)
Southland:	Zinny McCormick

Horowhenua-Kapiti:	Joseph Ford
Wairarapa-Bush:	Greg Binning
Hawkes Bay:	Vincent Ringrose & Cameron Chalmers
Poverty Bay:	Steve Newson & Ben Van Berkel
Manawatu:	Dennis Sharman

Queensland: Amani Tuia (Referee) and Mark Fairmaid (Coach)  
Dubai: Colin Te Pohe (Referee) and Warren Quennell (Coach)  
Japan: Mike Pinfold (Referee)

**Ravi Kandula**  
Convenor

# Social Report

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The main event on the 2016 social calendar was the Awards Night, which was held at Petone RFC. Valley Caterers again looked after our food requirements, and DB came to the party with refreshments.

No Quiz Night was held this year but has already been added to the calendar for the 2017 season. A fundraising opportunity has arisen to help finance the Awards Night this year, and will be looked into as the year unfolds.

The only concern regarding the awards night was a lack of formal recognition/awards for our Level 4 and 5 group, and the fact we need to make the night more inviting for the new younger refs, who are the future of the Association.

I will be heading up the Social Committee again this coming year, and am always on the lookout for volunteers to take on the quiz night, assist with the awards night, and to organise a fun event during the year that is open to partners and parents.

## **Steve Newson**

Convenor



# Gear Report

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## Equipment

4 new sets of communications gear allowed us to have quality gear for all Premier games this past season. In this regard, we still need to see some improvement around members looking after this gear – in particular, moisture and electronics do not mix.

The additional camera/video gear sourced last season unfortunately proved to be impractical for our purposes, and will be sold – new options are being looked into.

We have had an offer from a member to fund a “coaching set” of comms gear to be used with new/inexperienced referees – this will allow “supporting input” as may be appropriate. Obviously some trial and error will be involved with this, and depending on its success, an additional 1-2 sets will be considered.

## Dress Gear

A new dress shirt, with different colour and style was sourced this year due to the old style being unavailable (a small cheer, I think I heard!!).

There are no other changes envisaged at this time, other than the polo shirts need to be altered due to the previous sponsor logo being on the old ones – hopefully a small supporting sponsorship will allow us to provide these for everyone.

## Playing Strip

This past season we re-logo’d our shorts and the AR flags when El Cheapo Cars came on board mid-season.

Due to the lack of a principal sponsor we were unable to remove the ‘Advantage4me’ logo from our jerseys and tracksuits – it is envisaged that trust funding will enable us to place a “neutral” logo on our tracksuits and thus extend their life, but jerseys may need to continue being used in their present condition for some time.

Some new jerseys will need to be sourced for the coming year, but at this stage these will only have the WRRRA logo on them.

## Ian Dallas

# WRFU Delegate Report

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I have filled the role as our Association's representative (Delegate) to the Wellington Rugby Football Union for the past twelve months when 11 meetings were held and I attended 10 of these.

The role entails being a member of the Club Rugby Board, as well as serving on the Club Rugby Sub-Committee, dealing with Club Rugby Competitions through all the grades from Premier to Presidents.

Unlike previous years I did not attend Judiciary hearings as support for our members, the reason being the WRFU Club Rugby Administrator didn't believe it was necessary. Perhaps those members who attended hearings could advise if that little bit of extra support was missed.

As a member of the Club Rugby Board I had the pleasure of carrying out liaison duties with visiting Super teams and Mitre 10 Cup teams. This has some advantages, such as being able to talk with various coaches/captains to broaden my understanding when coaching our members.

In summary for 2016, matters dealt with over the season by the Judicial Committee were 39 in total, and were for the following reasons:

- (a) 1 x match called off
- (b) 23 x Red Cards
- (c) 2 x Sin Bin reports
- (d) 8 x complaints, of which 5 were related to Referee abuse
- (e) 1 x Referee report

I thank the Executive for supporting me in this role.

Wishing all our members a prosperous 2017.

**Mike Dillnott**

# Standards and Promotions Report

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We look forward this year (2017) to a busy rugby season with Senior Club Rugby starting earlier than usual on the 18th March to cater for the major Super 18 competition and what should be an exciting Lions tour with Northern v Southern Hemisphere bragging rights at stake.

Looking back at last year for our Association and S&P's role.

It is worth reflecting on the successes of our top Level 1 referees particularly around end of season club semi's and finals and the standard of referees promoted to level 2 from our level 3 group.

Our level 2 group now has referees who, if they are prepared to meet level 1 criteria this season, will challenge for promotion and give our current rock stars a decent shakeup and give our referees in this group (1) an even more competitive edge.

S&P's semis and finals appointments this year for Jubilee/Hardham Cup reflected a change from previous years.

The Level 1 #1 refereed the Jubilee Cup final and #2 and #3 refereed the Jubilee Cup semi-finals with the referee ranked #4 refereeing the Hardham Cup final. This change was made in consultation with our level 1 group and had the approval of our WRRRA Executive to go ahead with these appointments.

I have deliberately avoided mentioning names in this report but our referee successes are noted elsewhere for the record and congratulations are extended once again to those whose goals were achieved in 2016 and are now looking to move on and upward in 2017.

I will mention the work and commitment of my fellow S&P Committee members Ray Stott and Bernie McLaughlin who once again contributed with their valued opinions and thoughts in another enjoyable year.

Nga mihi nui

**Gary Jackson**

Convenor

# Coaching Co-Ordinator

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The aim for 2016 was to “make better WRRR referees through better coaching”. To achieve this, we had to spread our coaching resources and work on upgrading our coaching knowledge.

At the beginning of the season, coaches were appointed to the different Level groups to work closely with these referees so that they could achieve their potential. While this appeared to work successfully for Levels 1, 2 and 3 referees, the greater number of Level 4 and 5 referees did not achieve their potential. On reflection the Level 1 and 2 groups had too many coaches working with them, while Level 4 and 5 groups did not have enough coaches. Consequently, a more even distribution of coaching resources is required for 2017.

The upgrading of our coaching knowledge and skills was dealt a blow when Garratt Williamson moved into a new job and we lost his expertise. Consequently, we need to better develop ways of improving ourselves. This could mean looking at how NZR are coaching their referees and align ourselves to that. Coaches meetings where we talked about what we were observing and how to fix things were good. However other methods such as 1-on-1 mentoring, or coaches working as a group on Saturday afternoons are all ways we could further develop our expertise.

On the report front, we had the lowest number ever during any season. While the ‘Who’s The Ref’ system could be more user friendly, better record keeping is also required. All the good work, done on a Saturday afternoon observing our referees, is wasted, if it isn’t summarised in a written report that the referee, and other coaches, can read later. Coaching assignments, on Saturdays, can still be improved upon, so every coach is usefully employed.

Finally, I would like to thank all the coaches for the unstinting time and effort you have put into our referees, not only during this past season, but in the four years that I have been your Coaching Co-ordinator. I step down now in the knowledge that this coaching group has progressed significantly over these years and while we are not yet “finely tuned”, we are not too far from our aim “to make better referees through better coaching”.

**Tony Meyers**

Coaching Co-ordinator

# Membership Statistics

Membership Category	'16	'15	'14	'13	'12	'11	'10	'09	'08	'07
Life Members	17	17	18	20	20	20	20	21	19	20
Hon. Vice Presidents	4	-4	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	5
Honorary Members	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Committee Members	11	11	11	11	10	12	10	10	9	8
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coaches	24	26	30	31	31	21	22	33	20	26
Active Referees	135	141	155	158	160	152	142	151	141	146
<b>Active Members by Grade</b>										
<b>Level-1</b>	15	11	13	14	18	16	15	14	17	16
<b>Level-2</b>	13	13	16	16	18	16	18	19	16	21
<b>Level-3</b>	25	24	23	28	22	25	37	38	37	41
<b>Level-4</b>	25	23	29	30	37	35	38	44	35	41
<b>Level-5</b>	15	17	13	16	11	20				
New	12	16	12	13	30	23	13	16	20	21
Chairman's	20	21	23	23	16	17	19	17	6	6
Ungraded	4	14	12	14	8	-	2	3	10	-
YMTC Student	6	2	14	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>146</b>

Year	'16	'15	'14	'13	'12	'11	'10	'09	'08	'07
<b>New refs</b>	<b>12</b>	16	12	13	30	23	9	16	20	21
<b>Total refs</b>	<b>135</b>	141	155	158	164	152	142	151	141	146
<b>Total refs increase/decrease</b>	- <b>4.3</b> %	- 9.0 %	- 1.9 %	- 3.7 %	+ 7.9 %	+ 7.0 %	- 6.0 %	+ 7.1 %	- 3.4 %	+ 2.1 %
<b>Retention rate from prev. year</b>	<b>96%</b>	91%	98%	88%	88%	91%	88%	96%	83%	87%

# Sponsorship Report

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We started 2016 season with no principal sponsor, and the outlook being potentially grim from the financial viewpoint. We had the possibility of two or three donors, but these never came to fruition, and all other possible sponsors we had discussions with decided not to pursue the alliance any further – at least for 2016.

Fortunately midway through the season, El Cheapo Cars came on board as a financial supporter after an introduction through a member, Colin Dallas. Their logo is now on our shorts and AR flags, and they have committed to one year initially – so, please do support them whenever you can.

We believe there are persons and businesses out there who would be prepared to financially support the WRRR at a variety of levels – so whether it is \$100 or \$1,000, please “ask the question” of anyone appropriate – we can acknowledge their support in a variety of ways.

Our “alliance partners” continue to support us – PWMC, BLK, Gripfast and the PRFC. The latter, who offer us use of their rooms for meetings, also allowed their premises to be used for our Annual Awards Dinner.

Hell Pizza and Burger King both kindly supplied vouchers to go with all our certificates that were awarded at the dinner. This came about as a result of the relationship that the WRFU has with these organisations, and was greatly appreciated.

## Ian Dallas





## 2016 Committees

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The Chairman and Executive extend a sincere vote of thanks to the following members who served on committees during the 2016 season:

### **Finance**

Greg Binning (Convenor)  
Tony Feiertag

### **Interchange**

Ravi Kandula (Convenor)  
Mike Pinfold  
Mike Dilnott

### **Gear**

Ian Dallas

### **Sponsorship**

Ian Dallas

### **Awards**

Brian Coomber (Convenor)  
Jane Stevenson  
Peter McDavitt

### **Appointments**

Mark Fairmaid (Convenor)  
Jared Clarke  
Richard Gordon  
Scott Maclean

### **Coaching**

Tony Meyers (Manager)  
Warren Quennell  
Jared Clarke

### **Standards & Promotions**

Gary Jackson (Convenor)  
Bernie McLaughlin  
Ray Stott

### **Recruitment**

Scott Sargentina  
Colin Dallas  
David Walsh

### **Delegate to WRFU**

Mike Dilnott

### **Welfare**

Gordon Noble-Campbell

### **Social**

Steve Newson (Convenor)

## Financial Statement

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The 2015/2016 financial statement has been prepared as a self-contained document, and is available from the same sources as the Annual Report.

# Acknowledgements

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The Executive Committee would hereby like to place on record their appreciation of the assistance given to the Association during 2016 by the following organisations:

- Wellington Rugby Football Union
- Petone Working Men's Club
- Petone Rugby Football Club
- El Cheapo Cars
- DB Breweries
- Refereeworx
- Pelorus Trust
- Infinity Trust
- BLK Apparel
- Burger King
- Hell Pizza
- Gripfast

It is with pleasure that the Management Committee presents the Annual Report for your approval.

**Ian Dallas**  
Chairman