



***RUGBY REFEREES
ASSOCIATION***

Annual Report 2017

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Office Bearers 2017

President:
Jared Clarke



Chairman:
Ian Dallas



Vice President:
Garratt Williamson



Immediate Past President:
Gary Jackson



Secretary:
Bradley Hudson



Treasurer:
Tony Feiertag



Management Committee

Greg Binning



Mike Dilnott



Mike Pinfold



Michelle Smyth



David Walsh



Life Members

D. (David) BRANT
D.R. (Derek) BUCKLAND
B.S. (Brian) COOMBER
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

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

Obituaries

We record, with deep regret, the passing of:

Clifford “Jack” Cursons – 19th April 2017
Life Member. President 1961/1962

Alexander “Sandy” Yule – 5th October 2017
Former member.

Devon Biggs – 30th December 2017
Former member.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

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 26th February 2018, at 7.30 p.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 – 29th February 2017
3. Presentation of 2017 Annual Report
4. Presentation of Accounts to 31 October 2017
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.

2017 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting held at Petone Working Men's Club, Udy Street, Petone on Monday 27th February 2017.

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), David Fa'atafa (College Sport)

Life Members: Pam Dilnott, Mike Dilnott, Peter McDavitt, Brian Coomber, Ray Stott, Gary Jackson, Ian Dallas, Tony Meyers, Ross Ewart.

The following apologies were recorded: **LM** Jack Cursons, John Lockyer, David Brant; **Guests** Brendon Gardner (WRFU); **Members** Michelle Smyth, Richard Gordon, John Egan, David Skjellerup, John Ballingall, Jamie Fairmaid, Graeme Munro.

A minute silence was observed in recognition of members that passed away in 2016.

Previous Minutes:

Notice of Motion:

"The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 29th February 2016 be approved."

Moved: Allen Thomas Seconded: Colin Dallas 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 Association's financial situation is the same as 12 months ago, with no principal sponsor, although El Cheapo Cars have committed to a degree of financial support, and this has been recognised by having their logo on shorts and AR flags. The members should try to support them where possible.
- Many of the Association's costs were met through Trust funding, but this is an uncertain source, and outcome of current applications will be important.
- There isn't a lot of funding available, so members are encouraged to make the Executive aware of any organisation that might be willing to support us, and any sponsorship, large or small, can be recognised in a number of ways.

- A significant amount of discussion with Hell Pizza unfortunately didn't result in financial support. Approaches have also been made to the Toll Group and Gazleys, both of whom already support sports organisations – outcome TBC.
- Shane Binnie at WRFU has been assisting us with sponsorship proposals and this support is available going forward (later confirmed by Will Caccia-Birch).
- The Executive is making prudent use of cash reserves that were set aside for precisely this situation, and the Finance Committee for 2017 will continue to be careful with expenses until a principal sponsor can be identified/secured.

Performance Report:

- Tony Feiertag spoke to the Performance Report for year ended 31st October.
 - “Performance Report” is the new title of the financial report, in line with recent legislative changes to the Incorporated Societies Act.
- A brief summary is that the situation is not dire, but there are key details for the new Executive to consider, and for the general membership to be aware of.
- Tony noted salient points of the report, highlighting that while it might outwardly appear that there is an operating surplus of approx. \$3,000, this is a very simplistic measure, and the true picture is somewhat less promising.
- The WRRRA presently has approximately \$100,000 ‘in the bank’, and \$50,000 in equipment – together these comprise the sum total of members’ equity.
- A detailed examination of income sources and discretionary outgoings (i.e. expenditures other than grants obtained for specific purposes), reveals that we used ~\$10,000 of our contingency funds in each of the past two years.
- The options to stop this trend continuing are to either increase income (thru sponsorship/subscriptions/donations) or reduce discretionary expenditures.

Notice of Motion:

“That the 2016 Financial Report as presented be accepted.”

Moved: Tony Feiertag

Seconded: Gordon Noble-Campbell

Carried

- Ian Dallas reiterated the situation is not dire and that our contingency funds exist for precisely this situation. However, international interchanges are an obvious high-spend item, and self-funded travel may need to be considered.

Members then spoke from the floor and the following salient comments were noted.

- Robin Goulden queried what the exact figure was for someone to secure the status of Principal Sponsor. Is it \$10,000 per year, or \$20,000 or more?
- Ian Dallas responded that \$10,000 was the realistic figure to secure branding on the front of on-field jerseys, with ~\$15,000 securing both front and back.
- The Executive will examine any potential sponsorship offer and terms can be negotiated if an organisation is willing to commit to a period of 3-plus years.

- Gordon Noble-Campbell thanked the Treasurer for presenting a detailed and illustrative Performance Report. He noted that grant funding is not a reliable source going forward, and the new Executive needs to budget based on the same income level as 2015/16, and relying only on known revenue sources.
 - He noted the finances of the WRRRA are at a pivotal stage and steps need to be taken to protect members' equity, which is a challenge.
 - He again congratulated the Finance Committee on presenting us an excellent summary of the state-of-affairs in a clear/concise manner.

Notice of Motion:

"That the 2016 Annual Report as presented be accepted."

Moved: Ian Dallas

Seconded: Mike Dillnott

Carried

Election of Officers:

President	J Clarke	<i>M: R Kandula</i>	<i>S: M Dillnott</i>	Carried
Vice President	G Williamson	<i>M: T Feiertag</i>	<i>S: R Kandula</i>	Carried
Secretary	B Hudson	<i>M: M Pinfold</i>	<i>S: M Dillnott</i>	Carried
Treasurer	T Feiertag	<i>M: I Dallas</i>	<i>S: R Kandula</i>	Carried
Immediate Past President:	G Jackson			

Management Committee

I Dallas	Nominated by	C Dallas & A Thomas	Carried
M Dillnott	Nominated by	G Binning & T Upton	Carried
M Pinfold	Nominated by	B Hudson & M Dillnott	Carried
G Binning	Nominated by	C Gerzon & R Goulden	Carried
M Smyth	Nominated by	I Dallas & R Kandula	Carried

General Business

Ian Dallas reminded members the WRRRA had allocated tickets to the Hurricanes vs. British & Irish Lions fixture, but all requests must be in by lunchtime on 1st March.

Will Caccia-Birch spoke on behalf of the WRFU and acknowledged the contribution of the WRRRA to the sport in Wellington, and as simplistic as it sounds, the game cannot go on without referees. In an effort to incentivise existing members shoulder-tapping potential members, he offered Hurricanes memberships for the first 10 referees that introduce a new member, who then goes on to become a full member of the WRRRA. He also confirmed the WRFU would again be providing us a grant of \$20,000 in 2017.

Ian Dallas thanked Will Caccia-Birch for the offer and encouraged attendees to assist with the same. He also noted the WRFU's ongoing support in terms of finance as well as assisting with sponsorship discussions, and providing some incentives to referees.

Trevor Couchman queried why the travel allowance exists given it is costing ~\$24,000 annually and no Rugby clubs reimburse their players for expenses incurred. He noted that stopping this payment would instantly fix the issue of using contingency funds in the short term. He reiterated that members choose refereeing as a sporting activity regardless of their aspirations, and should expect to incur moderate costs as a result.

Trevor also commented that annual subscriptions are too low, and that a “pensioner discount” is unnecessary. He argued in favour of increasing subscriptions across the board as a means of generating revenue for the Association’s discretionary expenses. As a final comment, he noted that referees can’t expect ongoing handouts for simply pursuing a recreational activity, and the new Executive should look at this very hard.

Ian Dallas mentioned that the Executive does review subscriptions annually, and that Trevor’s comments are welcome, as they are in the best interests of the Association.

Ray McMillan queried whether the issue of a travel allowance was solely in the hands of the Executive or if the members have a say in it. Ian responded that the members were welcome to present a motion to be voted on at an SGM or AGM. Ian reiterated the Executive is running the Association prudently and in good faith, so a practical way for members to assist would be to identify potential sponsors/donors.

David Walsh noted 2019 would mark the 125th anniversary of Wellington based body for refereeing Rugby in the region, albeit not strictly known as the Wellington Rugby Referees’ Association for the entire period, and queried whether the Executive had a plan in place to celebrate the occasion. If not, can the new Executive investigate this?

Ian responded that no plans are in place, but the new Executive can discuss the issue.

David Walsh noted that Westpac Stadium was hosting two fixtures during the British & Irish Lions tour, which meant an influx of international referees to officiate at these fixtures. He asked the members to propose ideas on how the WRRRA can engage with these referees, and whether a forum similar to last year’s events with Wayne Barnes and Jerome Garces could potentially be repeated. Any and all ideas are welcome, but need to be submitted soon so we can communicate with World Rugby on the matter.

Brian Coomber noted the Awards Committee had received no nominations this year for Life Membership or Honorary VP status to be conferred. He clarified that it is not the role of that committee to nominate individuals, but rather to assess the merits of any nominations made, so he encourages people to identify worthy individuals as it is important to recognise the ongoing work being done to keep the Association running.

Peter McDavitt was invited to present Service Certificates to Brad Hudson (10 years), and Colin Dallas (30 years). Ian Dallas acknowledged Colin’s lengthy period of service.

Gary Jackson reminded members about an upcoming fitness testing session which is open to all members, and is mandatory for Level 1 and 2 referees. All are encouraged to attend and benchmark their fitness. The atmosphere is friendly, so do come along.

Ian Dallas reminded members that the Blue Card Concussion Initiative now applies to all adult grades, and suitable training sessions would be arranged which all members are obliged to attend if they wish to referee adult grades – dates/times to be advised.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:30pm.

2017 Awards

Level-1 Top-5

Richard Gordon
Vincent Ringrose
Nick Hogan
Jamie Fairmaid
Daniel Mangin

Achievement Awards

Hugh Jacobs Trophy
for Most Promising Level One Referee

Colin Te Pohe

Joe Beagle Memorial Cup
for Most Promising Level Two Referee

Marius du Toit

Lougher Cup
for Most Improved Level Three Referee

Jury Teniteni-Smeaton

Cummins Cup
for Most Promising 2nd Year Referee

Zander Glasgow

Joe O'Brien Memorial Service Award
for outstanding service to the WRRRA during 2017

Marius du Toit

2017 Promotions

Promotions to Level One

Greg Binning

Promotions to Level Two

Scott Marriner

Jack Sargentina

Matt Thomas

Vinnie Wylie

Amani Tuia

Promotions to Level Three

Cameron Chalmers

Andrew Clark

Ryan McLean

Brad Newson

Tony Upton

Ben van Berkel

Promotions to Level Four

Dean Brosnahan

Matthew Fawkes

Zander Glasgow

Dan Jacobs

Dave Knight

Shaun Lynch

Ameto Leafoli

Darren Manning

Himiona Orupe

Gary Sue



**Most Promising Second Year
Referee – Zander Glasgow**

Representative and WRFU Premier Club Final Appointments

Ben O’Keeffe

4 Feb	Blues v Hurricanes	Epsom	Super Rugby – pre-season
23 Feb	Rebels v Blues	Melbourne	Super Rugby – Assistant Referee
25 Feb	Waratahs v Western Force	Sydney	Super Rugby
3 Mar	Chiefs v Blues	Hamilton	Super Rugby
11 Mar	Italy v France	Rome	World Rugby Test Match
18 Mar	France v Wales	Paris	World Rugby Test Match – Asst. Referee
1 Apr	Blues v Western Force	Auckland	Super Rugby – Assistant Referee
8 Apr	Sharks v Jaguares	Durban	Super Rugby – Assistant Referee
15 Apr	Bulls v Jaguares	Pretoria	Super Rugby
21 Apr	Lions v Jaguares	Johannesburg	Super Rugby – Assistant Referee
22 Apr	Bulls v Cheetahs	Pretoria	Super Rugby
5 May	Hurricanes v Stormers	Westpac Stadium	Super Rugby – Assistant Referee
13 May	Jaguares v Western Force	Buenos Aires	Super Rugby
20 May	Hurricanes v Cheetahs	Westpac Stadium	Super Rugby – Assistant Referee
27 May	Highlanders v Waratahs	Dunedin	Super Rugby
2 Jun	Blues v Reds	Apia	Super Rugby
10 Jun	South Africa v France	Pretoria	World Rugby Test Match – Asst. Referee
17 Jun	South Africa v France	Durban	World Rugby Test Match
24 Jun	South Africa v France	Johannesburg	World Rugby Test Match – Asst. Referee
8 Jul	Waratahs v Jaguares	Sydney	Super Rugby
15 Jul	Chiefs v Brumbies	Hamilton	Super Rugby
22 Jul	Crusaders v Highlanders	Christchurch	Super Rugby QF – Assistant Referee
29 Jul	Crusaders v Chiefs	Christchurch	Super Rugby SF – Assistant Referee
18 Aug	Tasman v Canterbury	Nelson	Mitre 10 Cup
26 Aug	Wellington v Taranaki	Westpac Stadium	Mitre 10 Cup – Assistant Referee
8 Sep	Manawatu v Bay of Plenty	Palm. North	Mitre 10 Cup
16 Sep	Wellington Maori v Hawkes Bay Dev.	Porirua	Representative
17 Sep	Wellington v Canterbury	Westpac Stadium	Mitre 10 Cup – Assistant Referee
22 Sep	Manawatu v Northland	Palm. North	Mitre 10 Cup
30 Sep	South Africa v Australia	Bloemfontein	World Rugby Test Match
7 Oct	Otago v Bay of Plenty	Dunedin	Mitre 10 Cup
15 Oct	North Harbour v Taranaki	North Harbour	Mitre 10 Cup
21 Oct	Canterbury v North Harbour	Christchurch	Mitre 10 Cup SF
11 Nov	Ireland v South Africa	Dublin	World Rugby Test Match
18 Nov	England v Australia	London	World Rugby Test Match

Mike Fraser

4 Feb	Crusaders v Highlanders	Darfield RFC	Super Rugby – pre-season
24 Feb	Highlanders v Chiefs	Dunedin	Super Rugby
17 Mar	Bulls v Sunwolves	Pretoria	Super Rugby – Assistant Referee
18 Mar	Lions v Reds	Johannesburg	Super Rugby
25 Mar	Jaguars v Reds	Buenos Aires	Super Rugby
8 Apr	Highlanders v Blues	Dunedin	Super Rugby – Assistant Referee
15 Apr	Blues v Hurricanes	Auckland	Super Rugby
22 Apr	Highlanders v Sunwolves	Invercargill	Super Rugby – Assistant Referee
29 Apr	Western Force v Lions	Perth	Super Rugby
6 May	Chiefs v Reds	New Plymouth	Super Rugby – Assistant Referee
19 May	Chiefs v Crusaders	Suva	Super Rugby
27 May	Jaguars v Brumbies	Buenos Aires	Super Rugby
10 Jun	Italy v Scotland	Singapore	World Rugby Test Match – Asst. Referee
16 Jun	Tonga v Wales	Auckland	World Rugby Test Match – Asst. Referee
24 Jun	Samoa v Wales	Apia	World Rugby Test Match – Asst. Referee
14 Jul	Highlanders v Reds	Dunedin	Super Rugby
22 Jul	Crusaders v Highlanders	Christchurch	Super Rugby QF – Assistant Referee
25 Aug	Waikato v Counties Manukau	Hamilton	Mitre 10 Cup
9 Sep	Auckland v Taranaki	Auckland	Mitre 10 Cup
16 Sep	Otago v Tasman	Dunedin	Mitre 10 Cup
1 Oct	Counties Manukau v Northland	Pukekohe	Mitre 10 Cup
2 Oct	Wellington U18 v Tonga Schools	Porirua	Int. Secondary Schools – Assistant Referee
6 Oct	Canterbury v Taranaki	Christchurch	Mitre 10 Cup / Ranfurly Shield
12 Oct	Wellington v Northland	Westpac Stadium	Mitre 10 Cup – Assistant Referee
21 Oct	Canterbury v North Harbour	Christchurch	Mitre 10 Cup SF – Assistant Referee
28 Oct	Canterbury v Tasman	Christchurch	Mitre 10 Cup Final
4 Nov	Japan v Australia	Yokohama	World Rugby Test Match – Asst. Referee

Richard Gordon

Jan	HSBC Wellington Sevens	Wellington	World Rugby 7s – Assistant Referee
4 Mar	Hurricanes U20 v Blues U20	Porirua Park	Super Rugby Development
3 Jun	Poverty Bay v East Coast	Gisborne	Representative
5 Aug	Old Boys Uni. v Hutt Old Boys Marist	Petone	WRFU Jubilee Cup Final
26 Aug	Wellington v Taranaki	Westpac Stadium	Mitre 10 Cup – Assistant Referee
2 Sep	North Otago v Mid Canterbury	Oamaru	Mitre 10 Heartland Championship
9 Sep	Horowhenua-Kapiti v Thames Valley	Levin	Mitre 10 Heartland Championship
16 Sep	Thames Valley v Buller	Paeroa	Mitre 10 Heartland Championship
17 Sep	Wellington v Canterbury	Westpac Stadium	Mitre 10 Cup – Assistant Referee
23 Sep	South Canterbury v North Otago	Timaru	Mitre 10 Heartland Championship
28 Sep	NZ Barbarians Schools v Tonga Schools	Palm. North	International Secondary Schools series
1 Oct	Wellington v Otago	Westpac Stadium	Mitre 10 Cup – Assistant Referee
7 Oct	Poverty Bay v King Country	Gisborne	Mitre 10 Heartland Championship
14 Oct	Canterbury v Wellington	Christchurch	Farah Palmer Cup

Vincent Ringrose

Jan	Bayley's National Sevens	Rotorua	Provincial Sevens
Jan	HSBC Wellington Sevens	Wellington	World Rugby 7s – Assistant Referee
18 Mar	Hurricanes U20 v Argentina U19	Westpac Stadium	Super Rugby Development
7-9 Apr	HSBC Hong Kong Sevens	Hong Kong	World Rugby 7s – AR & Ingoal-judge
18 Aug	Wairarapa-Bush v Manawatu Dev.	Masterton	Pre-season - Heartland Championship
26 Aug	Buller v South Canterbury	Westport	Mitre 10 Heartland Championship
6 Sep	Wellington v Hawkes Bay	Westpac Stadium	Mitre 10 Cup – Assistant Referee
9 Sep	East Coast v West Coast	Ruatoria	Mitre 10 Heartland Championship
16 Sep	North Otago v King Country	Oamaru	Mitre 10 Heartland Championship
30 Sep	North Otago v Poverty Bay	Oamaru	Mitre 10 Heartland Championship
1 Oct	Wellington v Otago	Westpac Stadium	Mitre 10 Cup – Assistant Referee
6 Oct	Tonga Schools v NZ Maori U18	Porirua	International Secondary Schools series
8 Oct	Tasman v North Harbour	Nelson	Farah Palmer Cup
14 Oct	Thames Valley v Poverty Bay	Paeroa	Mitre 10 Heartland Championship

Nick Hogan

Jan	HSBC Wellington Sevens	Wellington	World Rugby 7s - Ingoal-judge
26 Aug	Horowhenua-Kapiti v North Otago	Levin	Mitre 10 Heartland Championship
8 Sep	St Kentigern v Hastings BHS	Palm. North	National Sec. Schools SF
10 Sep	St Peters (Cambridge) v Feilding Hs	Palm. North	National Sec. Schools Co-ed Final
16 Sep	Poverty Bay v East Coast	Gisborne	Mitre 10 Heartland Championship
23 Sep	Buller v Wairarapa-Bush	Westport	Mitre 10 Heartland Championship
30 Sep	West Coast v South Canterbury	Greymouth	Mitre 10 Heartland Championship
2 Oct	NZ Barbarians Schools v NZ Maori U18	Palm. North	International Secondary Schools series
7 Oct	South Canterbury v Wairarapa-Bush	Timaru	Mitre 10 Heartland Championship
12 Oct	Wellington v Northland	Westpac Stadium	Mitre 10 Cup – Assistant Referee
9 Dec	Central Region 7's	Levin	

Jamie Fairmaid

Jan	HSBC Wellington Sevens	Wellington	World Rugby 7s - Subs Controller
20 May	Wellington College v Palmerston North BHS	Westpac Stadium	Tranzit 1 st XV Festival
5 Aug	Wairarapa-Bush v Horowhenua-Kapiti	Masterton	Representative U20
26 Aug	Manawatu U19 v Hurricanes Heartland U20	Palm. North	Representative
2 Sep	NZ Marist v Horowhenua-Kapiti	Porirua	Representative U18
10 Sep	St Andrews College v Rangitoto College	Palm. North	National Sec. Schools Co-ed
23 Sep	Centurions v Samoans	Porirua	Representative U18
2 Oct	Wanganui v Horowhenua-Kapiti	Wanganui	Representative U16
3 Oct	Poverty Bay v Manawatu	Wanganui	Representative U16
5 Oct	East Coast v Horowhenua-Kapiti	Wanganui	Representative U16
7 Oct	Wellington v Canterbury	Porirua	Representative Development

Colin Te Pohe

Jan	HSBC Wellington Sevens	Wellington	World Rugby 7s - Subs Controller
6 May	Napier BHS v Rongotai College	Masterton	Tranzit 1 st XV Festival
20 May	Rongotai College v Hastings BHS	Fraser Park	Tranzit 1 st XV Festival
15 Jul	Hurricanes U18 v Crusaders Junior Knights	Westpac Stadium	Super Rugby U18
13 Aug	Wanganui v Horowhenua-Kapiti	Palm. North	Representative U20
2 Sep	St Marys v Manukura	Palm. North	Hurricanes Sec. Schools Girls
8 Sep	Hamilton GHS v Southland GHS	Palm. North	National Sec. Schools Girls
16 Sep	East Coast v Horowhenua-Kapiti	Levin	Representative U18

Daniel Mangin

Jan	HSBC Wellington Sevens	Wellington	World Rugby 7s - Ingoal-judge
16 Apr	Northern v Southern	Porirua	National Deaf Rugby
13 May	Gisborne BHS v Rongotai College	Napier BHS	Tranzit 1 st XV Festival
20 Aug	St Pats Silverstream v Wellington College	Porirua	WSS Premier-1 Final
2 Sep	Wellington v Manawatu	Porirua	Representative U19
9 Sep	Wgtn Samoan Schools v Wairarapa-Bush	Porirua	Representative U18
23 Sep	Horowhenua-Kapiti v Wgtn Development	Otaki	Representative U16

Jordan Price

6 May	Hastings BHS v Wairarapa College	Masterton	Tranzit 1 st XV Festival
13 Aug	Wairarapa-Bush v Poverty Bay	Palm. North	Representative U20
26 Aug	St Pats Silverstream v Palmerston North BHS	Lower Hutt	Hurricanes Sec. Schools SF
2 Sep	Wairarapa-Bush v Wanganui	Masterton	Representative U18
10 Sep	Southland GHS v Southern Cross	Palm. North	National Sec. Schools Girls
16 Sep	NZ Marist v Centurions	Porirua	Representative U18
23 Sep	Manawatu v Wellington	Levin	Representative U16
2 Oct	Manawatu v Hawkes Bay	Wanganui	Representative U16
3 Oct	East Coast v Hawkes Bay Dev.	Wanganui	Representative U16
5 Oct	Wanganui v Wairarapa-Bush	Wanganui	Representative U16

Steve Newson

Jan	HSBC Wellington Sevens	Wellington	World Rugby 7s - Subs Controller
26 Aug	Wellington Centurions v Wellington Maori	Johnsonville	Representative
2 Sep	Wellington v Hawkes Bay	Porirua	Farah Palmer Cup – Assistant Referee
9 Sep	Wellington Samoan v Wellington Maori	Porirua	Representative
16 Sep	Wellington Maori v Wairarapa-Bush 'B'	Wainuiomata	Representative
23 Sep	Wellington Samoans v Centurions	Porirua	Representative
7 Oct	Wellington v Counties Manukau	Porirua	Farah Palmer Cup – Assistant Referee

Jared Clarke

20 May	Wellington College v Palmerston North BHS	Westpac Stadium	Tranzit 1 st XV Festival - TMO
20 Aug	St Pats Silverstream v Wellington College	Porirua	WSS Premier-1 Final – TMO
6 Sep	Wellington v Hawkes Bay	Westpac Stadium	Mitre 10 Cup – TMO

David Walsh

14 Apr	Central v Northern	Porirua	National Deaf Rugby
26 Aug	Wellington v Taranaki	Westpac Stadium	Mitre 10 Cup – TMO
17 Sep	Wellington v Canterbury	Westpac Stadium	Mitre 10 Cup – TMO
1 Oct	Wairarapa-Bush v Horowhenua-Kapiti	Westpac Stadium	Mitre 10 Cup – TMO
1 Oct	Wellington v Otago	Westpac Stadium	Mitre 10 Cup – TMO
12 Oct	Wellington v Northland	Westpac Stadium	Mitre 10 Cup – TMO
28 Oct	Horowhenua-Kapiti v Wanganui	Levin	M10 Heartland Championship Final - TMO

Greg Binning

26 Aug	Wellington Samoan v Manawatu Dev.	Porirua	Representative
9 Sep	Wellington v Manawatu	Lower Hutt	Farah Palmer Cup – Assistant Referee
23 Sep	Wellington v Auckland	Porirua	Farah Palmer Cup – Assistant Referee

Amani Tuia

2 Sep	Wellington v Hawkes Bay	Porirua	Farah Palmer Cup – Assistant Referee
7 Oct	Wellington v Counties Manukau	Porirua	Farah Palmer Cup – Assistant Referee

Michael Pinfold

26 Aug	NZ Defence Force v Australia Defence Force	Upper Hutt	
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John Ballingall

9 Sep	Wellington U16 'B' v Wairarapa-Bush U16	Porirua	Representative U16
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Bradley Hudson

18 Mar	Hurricanes U20 v Argentina U20	Westpac Stadium	Super Rugby Development - Assistant Referee
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Dennis Sharman

9 Sep	Wellington v Manawatu	Lower Hutt	Farah Palmer Cup – Assistant Referee
4 Oct	Horowhenua-Kapiti v Hutt Valley	Lower Hutt	Representative Primary Schools

Jack Sargentina

15 Apr	Central v Southern	Porirua	National Deaf Rugby
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Scott MacLean

9 Sep	Wellington v Tasman	Lower Hutt	Representative U18 Girls
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Himiona Orupe

16 Sep	Rongotai College v Horowhenua-Kapiti	Johnsonville	Representative U16
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Gary Sue

16 Sep	Wellington U13 v Wairarapa-Bush U14	Petone	Representative
5 Oct	Hutt Valley v Mana	Lower Hutt	Representative Primary Schools

Marius du Toit

Jan	HSBC Wellington Sevens	Wellington	World Rugby 7s - Substitution Control
30 Sep	Wainuiomata v NZ Deaf Selection	Wainuiomata	Representative

Brad Newson

23 Sep	Wellington v Poverty Bay	Porirua	Representative U18 Girls
2 Oct	Wellington U18 v Tonga Schools	Porirua	Int. Secondary Schools – Assistant Referee

Matt Thomas

23 Sep	Wellington v Auckland	Porirua	Farah Palmer Cup – Assistant Referee
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Monique Dalley

9 Dec	Central Region 7's	Levin	Representative Sevens
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Quintin Renner

27 Aug	Wellington U13 v U13 Old Boys (2016)	Petone	Representative U13
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Ollie Michie

Jan	HSBC Sevens	Wellington	World Rugby 7s - Referee Water Runner
2 Oct	Wellington v Mana	Lower Hutt	Representative Primary Schools

Ross Dornan

2 Oct	Rangitikei v Horowhenua-Kapiti	Lower Hutt	Representative Primary Schools
3 Oct	Rangitikei v Hutt Valley	Lower Hutt	Representative Primary Schools

Matthew Fawkes

3 Oct	Wellington v Horowhenua-Kapiti	Lower Hutt	Representative Primary Schools
6 Oct	Wellington v Hutt Valley	Lower Hutt	Representative Primary Schools

Tomas Roche

4 Oct	Mana v Rangitikei	Lower Hutt	Representative Primary Schools
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Dean Brosnahan

5 Oct	Wellington v Rangitikei	Lower Hutt	Representative Primary Schools
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Ian Laing

6 Oct	Horowhenua-Kapiti v Mana	Lower Hutt	Representative Primary Schools
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Aaron Conlon

Jan	HSBC Wellington Sevens	Wellington	World Rugby 7s - Ingoal-judge
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Eno Liua'ana, Scott Marriner

Jan	HSBC Wellington Sevens	Wellington	World Rugby 7s - Substitution Communications
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Rory Woollett

Jan	HSBC Sevens	Wellington	World Rugby 7s - Referee Water Runner
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Daniel Mangin being asked the tough questions by Gordon Noble-Campbell

Honours Board

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1965-66	FIRMIN W.J. (BEM)	2012-13	NOBLE-CAMPBELL G.P
1967-68	FALVEY W.F. (MBE)	2014-15	JACKSON G.S.P.
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1971-72	DEVLIN U.M.		

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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.	1996	*COOK E.E
1962	*SWAN A.C.	1996	DILNOTT M.J.
1963	*McAULEY L.	1997	*SMITH K.G.
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

1990 *ALDERSLEY J. (Jim)

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1991 *FORSYTH J. M. (Jack)

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1994 *COOK E.E. (Eddie)

1997 DILNOTT MRS P.R. (Pam)

2001 SMITH R. (Robert)

2002 *BROWNE S. (Sid)

2003 HANLEN P. (Phil)

2013 EWART I.R. (Ross)

(Deceased marked with *)



Life Member Brian Coomber giving First Year Referee James Malcolm some useful advice.

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 st TEST)
1921	SIMPSON J.L.	N.Z.	v	NEW SOUTH WALES
1921	NEILSON A.E.	N.Z.	v	SOUTH AFRICA (2 nd & 3 rd TESTS)
1923	SIMPSON J.L.	N.Z.	v	NEW SOUTH WALES
1936	MOFFIT J.	N.Z.	v	AUSTRALIA (1 st TEST)
1937	KING J.S.	N.Z.	v	SOUTH AFRICA (2 nd & 3 rd TESTS)
1950	TINDILL E.W.T.	N.Z.	v	BRITISH ISLES (1 st & 2 nd TESTS)
1955	TINDILL E.W.T.	N.Z.	v	AUSTRALIA (2 nd TEST)
1972	McDAVITT P.A.	N.Z.	v	AUSTRALIA (1 st TEST)
1975	McDAVITT P.A.	N.Z.	v	SCOTLAND
1977	McDAVITT P.A.	N.Z.	v	BRITISH ISLES (1 st 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 st & 2 nd 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.	FIJI	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'KEEFFE B.D.	SAMOA	v	GEORGIA
2016	O'KEEFFE B.D.	JAPAN	v	SCOTLAND
2016	O'KEEFFE B.D.	SCOTLAND	v	ARGENTINA
2017	O'KEEFFE B.D.	ITALY	v	FRANCE
2017	O'KEEFFE B.D.	SOUTH AFRICA	v	FRANCE
2017	O'KEEFFE B.D.	SOUTH AFRICA	v	AUSTRALIA
2017	O'KEEFFE B.D.	IRELAND	v	SOUTH AFRICA
2017	O'KEEFFE B.D.	ENGLAND	v	AUSTRALIA



Ben O'Keeffe in discussion with Michael Hooper, England vs Australia

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
2017	C. Te Pohe				

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
2017	M. du Toit				

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	2017	J. Teniteni-Smeaton

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
2017	A. Glasgow				

JOE O'BRIEN MEMORIAL AWARD - Outstanding Service to WRR.

(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	2017	M. du Toit

President's Report

My last duty as President was to hold the annual Life Members and Coaches dinner, these stalwarts of the Association have a keen interest in ensuring our past is well remembered along with a keen interest on the present. We were extremely lucky to have ex WRRR member and International Referee Cliff Dainty attend, he spoke about his time with the WRRR and his international career.

In 2017 the WRRR again operated without a main sponsor, The Executive along with a dedicated crew in the social arena managed to ensure that all of the referee activities were able to proceed as they normally would which is a testament of their careful planning and fundraising efforts. 2018 will see the WRRR striving to secure a long term main sponsor.

On the field the WRRR is in a strong position with Ben and Mike in the international arena. Richard, Vincent and Nick operated in the Heartland Competition and along with Nick, Monique officiated at the National Sevens. We were also well represented at all representative levels.

As my time as President comes to a close (I still have 2 years as Immediate Past President) it has been a good time to reflect what makes the WRRR the leading Referee Association in New Zealand, I believe it comes down to we, the referees, coaches, administrators and Life Members that have the passion to belong and run an amateur organisation within an increasing professional arena wanting to ensure that we can improve ourselves and provide a service to our game.

I wish to thank not only our members but all of the respective partners, parents, family and friends that support our members both on and off the field, it can be a large commitment for our members with the WRRR supplying referees to fixtures 12 months of the year.

Ngana kia waiho hei kaiwhakahaere pai rawa atu, strive to be the best referee you can be

Jared Clarke



Chairman's Report

As usual the 2017 season started with our AGM in February – our “year” now tends to go a full 12 months, with 7's tournaments starting in January – no let up for some of our dedicated referees - the weekly training and education nights immediately followed on, and throughout the year, up to mid/late August.

Unfortunately, for what is now over two years, we have been without a Principal Sponsor – prudent management, hard work by the Social Committee and the membership, Trust applications for gear, and donations by a couple of businesses, has meant that financially we have got through another year in a reasonable position.

Pat Baker of El Cheapo Cars has continued to support us and we are thankful for that. PWMC and PRFC have also continued to offer their facilities which allows us to operate on a practical basis, and WRFU, BLK and Gripfast also support in their own way.

In terms of our gear the Executive determined that bags and tracksuits, as long lasting items, would no longer have sponsor logos on them, such that they can endure any short term tenure of a sponsor – all existing gear of this type was “patched”, some new gear was sourced, and now all only have a WRRR logo/message.

Top-up stock of jerseys were also sourced with only the WRRR logo and will be adorned in the future as may be appropriate.

Monday night training and education sessions ran similarly to the previous year with an emphasis on discussion within level groups, such that it is appropriate to the level. The lower level groups are large and as such do continue to cause some management issues – they are the bulk of our Association and as such are important and deserving of good support – we will continue to fine tune in an endeavour to achieve this.

Marius Du Toit and his team ran the “new” referees group, with their trainings generally held separately. The increasingly younger ages of this group has really put pressure on us as an Association, as to how to manage and safely introduce these members into ARing & refereeing – we cannot put them into potentially contentious situations without considering the support

we must give them, and the impact on them. Marius and David Walsh, in particular, but with assistance of others, have so far done a good job introducing these referees into Friday night and Saturday morning rugby, with a combination of co-refereeing and active game mentoring – a coach/referee comms set has been of assistance, and more may be purchased for that reason.

The Awards Dinner, which is the culmination of our club/college refereeing season, was held at the PRFC with Gordon Noble Campbell as the MC – the Social Committee tried a slightly different format this year with a “question/answer” session with a range of level referees, and generally this was very successful. Congratulations go to all the award winners, and also to everyone who contributed towards another successful night.

Referees who had been promoted throughout the year were also acknowledged with certificates, and special congratulations go to them, and to those referees who went onto higher honours at representative levels.

The Executive would also like to thank our Professional Referees, Mike Fraser and Ben O’Keeffe, who not only represent us so well at Super 18 and Test level, but also come and contribute on a Monday evening whenever possible, let alone their other individual mentoring they may do with members – thank you guys, appreciated.

To Richard Gordon, Vincent Ringrose, Nick Hogan, Colin Te Pohe, Jordan Price, Jamie Fairmaid and Daniel Mangin, who were either in the NZR Development Squad, Wider Training Group, or the Hurricanes Youth Rugby Council Referee Squad, congratulations again, but also a thank you for your contributions as senior members of our Association and the assistance you give on Monday nights and beyond.

Many others also contribute to our effective running as an Association for our members – from David Walsh, our REO, Gary Jackson and his “Standards and Promotions” team, and the Level Managers. A special mention must also go to our Appointments team who always spend an extraordinary amount of time completing initial appointments and then ensuring virtually every game on a Saturday actually gets a referee – this is always tough, with weather, defaults, referee injuries and unavailability’s making it a real challenge – thanks guys, your time and efforts are really appreciated.

To my Executive team of Jared Clarke, Garratt Williamson, Greg Binning, Tony Feiertag, Mike Dihnott, Mike Pinfold, Michelle Smyth, Gary Jackson and Bradley Hudson, another thank you from myself, firstly, and the membership, for the work that you do, particularly with the trying financial circumstances of the last couple of years – your thoughtfulness for members, prudent decision making, including the challenging of people and their ideas, has meant we have got successfully through another season.

To all members and your families, thank you for your contributions and I look forward to seeing you all during the 2018 season.

Your Chairman,
Ian Dallas



Interchange Report

The 2017 Interchange program saw a number of changes from previous years. Due to financial constraints, some Associations we could only send one referee. We also cut back on two Interchanges to Southland and Wanganui which will come back into the program in 2018. Some Associations were in similar positions and had to cut back on their programmes. Our Queensland Interchange did not happen in 2017. Queensland have stated to us that they will recommence their interchange with us in 2018.

Many thanks must go to Mike Pinfold for his expertise in the logistics for both domestic Interchange weekends during the month of May. Thanks must also go to Mike Pinfold for his guidance and support with our international visiting referees.

The purpose of the Interchange program is for our referees and coaches to have the opportunity to referee at another Association and to build on their growth as a referee. The Association feels that the program allows for referees to also create relationships with other referees from around New Zealand and the world. I would encourage any member to put their name forward towards the 2018 Interchange programs.

The following WRRRA members were part of the interchange programme in 2017.

Northland:	Ray McMillan
North Harbour:	Nick Hogan and Jack Sargentina
Auckland:	Vincent Ringrose and Ben van Berkel
Waikato:	Jamie Fairmaid and Himiona Orupe
Nelson Bays:	Zinny McCormick
Canterbury:	Richard Gordon and Vinnie Wylie

Horowhenua-Kapiti:	Matt Thomas and Ross Dornan
Wairarapa-Bush:	Campbell Barry and Darren Manning
Hawkes Bay:	Daniel Mangin
Poverty Bay:	Scott Marriner and Richard Denholm

Dubai: Vincent Ringrose and Jordan Price

Japan: Steve Newson (Referee)

Bradley Hudson

Convenor

Social Report

This year was a busy year for the social crew, two pallets of licorice all sold, a great quiz night and this was followed up with a movie night.

A bowling night at Petone Ten Pin Bowling capped off our Monday night meetings.

Awards night was again held at the Petone Rugby Club and was a great night with a changed format that was well received by all.

Steve Newson

Convenor



Social Convenor Steve Newson capped off a good 2017 season by refereeing in Japan in October.

Gear Report

2017 was pretty much a “holding year” in terms of our communications equipment and our other gear.

The purchase of communications gear the previous year meant that apart from maintenance issues we did not need anything else.

The gear has proved to be bulky to wear in comparison to what is now available on the market. At the time of purchase we were very much led by NZR and what they were using at the higher level, but I imagine in the future we will look for the “lightweight” type of gear.

The lack of a Principal Sponsor once again drove what we did with the playing strip. The old, and existing jerseys were left with the previous sponsor logo, however some new stock was sourced with just the WRRRA “spider” logo on them – these will be altered when appropriate.

New tracksuits purchased via Trust funding are now devoid of sponsor logos and therefore can readily survive any future changes in that area – all old stock has now been “patched” with the “spider”.

The increasing numbers of 7’s rugby tournaments during the spring and summer months has meant an increased consciousness of protecting our referees from the elements – as such the purchase of our own “tent” is envisaged, hopefully via Trust funding.

Ian Dallas
Convenor

WRFU Delegate Report

I have filled the role as our Association's representative (Delegate) to the Wellington Rugby Football Union for the past twelve months where eleven meetings were held and I was able to attend nine of these meetings.

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

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 including the British and Irish Lions whilst in Wellington and this has the advantage of being able to talk with Team Coaches and Captains to gain an understanding of what they expect from referees, this helps with my role as referee coach within the Association.

There were only two occasions that I was required to attend judiciary hearings in support of our members. The results of disciplinary hearings held (53)

- (a) 1 x match called off
- (b) 33 x Red cards
- (c) 9 x 2 sin bin reports
- (d) 10 x complaints of which 8 being related to referee abuse

I thank the Executive for supporting me in this role.

Wishing all members a prosperous 2018.

Regards

Mike Dillnott

Mike Dillnott, the inaugural recipient of the Lifetime Contribution Salver at the 2017 WRFU Community Rugby Awards.



Standards and Promotions Report

The 2017 Club Rugby season in Wellington was full of highlights.

It all ended with Club Finals day held at Petone Recreation Ground. The day produced excellent finals rugby with games being very competitive and of a very high standard.

Even the weather gods obliged and gave us a great day to go with the occasion.

There is something about playing in any grade when it comes to finals. Players lift their intensity and skill level and challenge our referees to match this.

It was great to see those referees selected do themselves proud and justify their being appointed to these games.

The Wellington Secondary Schools 1st XV Premier One grade also was very competitive and with level 1 and 2 referees being appointed to key games during the season saw referees take their opportunities to progress and gain promotion. Jack Sargentina and Amani Tuia are two good examples.

Richard Gordon, Vincent Ringrose, and Nick Hogan were given National Heartland appointments during the rep season with congratulations going to Nick Hogan for making the National Referees Squad for 2018.

Commiserations to Richard and Vincent for missing out and to me this was a puzzling selection omission by our friends at NZRFU of two of our best and most promising referees. Thankfully Richard and Vincent, while disappointed, have indicated they will be back in action again this year.

The Hurricanes Youth Council Rugby Referees squad saw selection and rep appointments going to Daniel Mangin, Jamie Fairmaid, Jordan Price and Colin Te Pohe.

Once again it is appropriate to thank Ray Stott and Ian Dallas for their contributions to the S&P committee in 2017 and hopefully on in to 2018.

A reminder of the upcoming pre-season fitness test to be held at Westpac Stadium at the Wellington Cricket Association training facility on Sunday March 11th at 9.30am. It is open to all WRRRA referees to attend.

Nga mihi

Gary Jackson
Convenor

Coaching Co-Ordinator

As the coaching team strives to 'make better WRRR referees through better coaching' in 2017 some changes were made to how we allocate coaches to levels. This saw Standards and Promotions taking responsibility for level 1 and 2 with those referees encouraged to find a personal coach to take them further as a referee/coach team. This enabled us to allocate all of our resources to level 3 and below, where we can see the greatest development in a referee.

We also introducing the 'Development Plan' across all levels, this enables us to focus a referee's learning to key areas of development and provide feedback on only these areas.

The coaches received several presentations in their own training sessions from both WRRR referees and NZR personnel, looking towards how we can be better coaches and how to coach an athlete.

In 2017 there were significant promotions through the ranks compared to previous years, this is testament to the Level Managers, Gary, Bernie, Tony (assisted by Mike), Dave and Marius work in streamlining the process and enabling coaches to coach and not get caught up in administration.

Looking forward to 2018 we need to fine tune allocation of coaches to levels and drive the referee development plan to enable our referees to be the best they can be. The WRRR has some of the best coaches in New Zealand and we need to learn how to tap into that knowledge and put it to the best use. We also need to review how we manage the two forms (15's and 7's) of the game as they have significant coaching differences and resource impacts.

Finally, I would like to thank the coaching team, they turn up anywhere in any weather to assist our members provide our services to the wider rugby community.

Kia taea ai e koe, me ako tuatahi koe ki te tipu hei kaihihihi, in order to succeed, you first must learn to grow as a referee.

Jared Clarke
Coaching Coordinator

Membership Statistics

Membership Category	'17	'16	'15	'14	'13	'12	'11	'10	'09	'08
Life Members	16	17	17	18	20	20	20	20	21	19
Hon. Vice Presidents	4	4	4	5	5	4	5	5	5	5
Honorary Members	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Committee Members	10	11	11	11	11	10	12	10	10	9
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coaches	29	24	26	30	31	31	21	22	33	20
Active Referees	133	135	141	155	158	160	152	142	151	141
Active Members by Grade										
Level-1	14	15	11	13	14	18	16	15	14	17
Level-2	14	13	13	16	16	18	16	18	19	16
Level-3	16	25	24	23	28	22	25	37	38	37
Level-4	25	25	23	29	30	37	35	38	44	35
Level-5	20	15	17	13	16	11	20			
New	19	12	16	12	13	30	23	13	16	20
Chairman's	18	20	21	23	23	16	17	19	17	6
Ungraded	5	4	14	12	14	8	-	2	3	10
YMTC Student	2	6	2	14	4	-	-	-	-	-
Total	133	135	141	155	158	160	152	142	151	141

Year	'17	'16	'15	'14	'13	'12	'11	'10	'09	'08
New refs	19	12	16	12	13	30	23	9	16	20
Total refs	133	135	141	155	158	164	152	142	151	141
Total refs increase/decrease	- 1.5 %	- 4.3 %	- 9.0 %	- 1.9 %	- 3.7 %	+ 7.9 %	+ 7.0 %	- 6.0 %	+ 7.1 %	- 3.4 %
Retention rate from prev. year	99 %	96 %	91 %	98 %	88 %	88 %	91 %	88 %	96 %	83 %

Sponsorship Report

Once again we started the year without a principal sponsor which obviously is very disappointing.

El Cheapo Cars continued their support which is reflected on our Assistant Referee flags and the shorts.

Two other businesses, McCormack Group (McCormack Asphalts) and Space Wise (Specialised Container Services) both supported us and made good contributions to the cause, and consequently had their logos and company names prominently displayed on our website and Facebook page.

Fundraising through a Quiz Night, liquorice sales and a Movie Night all contributed positively to the cause. Thanks go to everyone involved in those events.

We have initiated preliminary discussions with a number of companies who have indicated they may have some intent of becoming a sponsor. However, at this time nothing has been taken to the next level or is close to being finalised.

PWMC, BLK, Gripfast and PRFC have all continued to support us as they have done so in the past, and that commitment from them is appreciated.

Ian Dallas

2017 Committees

The Chairman and Executive extend a sincere vote of thanks to the following members who served on committees during the 2017 season:

Finance

Greg Binning (Convenor)
Tony Feiertag

Interchange

Brad Hudson (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

Jared Clarke (Manager)
Warren Quennell

Standards & Promotions

Gary Jackson (Convenor)
Ian Dallas
Ray Stott

Recruitment

David Walsh
Scott Sargentina
Colin Dallas

Delegate to WRFU

Mike Dilnott

Welfare

Gordon Noble-Campbell

Social

Steve Newson (Convenor)

Financial Statement

The 2016/2017 financial statement has been prepared as a self-contained document, and is available from the same sources as the Annual Report.

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The Executive Committee would hereby like to place on record their appreciation of the assistance given to the Association during 2017 by the following organisations:

- Wellington Rugby Football Union
- Petone Working Men's Club
- Petone Rugby Football Club
- McCormack Group Limited
- Spacewise Container Services
- El Cheapo Cars
- DB Breweries
- Refereeworx
- Pelorus Trust
- Infinity Trust
- New Zealand Racing Board
- BLK Apparel
- Burger King
- Gripfast

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

Ian Dallas

Chairman